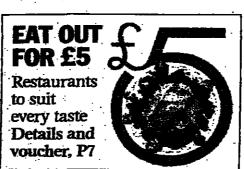


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Dublin welcomes move towards 'agreed elections': Belfast rally shows IRA its anger

Major keeps hopes for peace alive

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND NICHOLAS WALT

JOHN MAJOR promised the country and Parliament last night to keep the search for a Northern Ireland peace settlement alive in the face of the 'evil" Docklands bombing and the end of the IRA

He left open the door to Sinn Fein to be readmitted to the process if the ceasefire is restored and moved to repair relations with the Irish Government by making plain that he was not wedded to the idea of elections as the only route to all-party talks.

Dublin and by nationalist politicians the Prime Minister declared that, although he still believed elections were the most promising way forward, his mind was not closed to other options. He insisted that all the Government's actions -including the elections proposwere designed to lead directly to speedy negotiations en the parties, an emphasis that also pleased Irish ministers and led them to drop their outright opposition to the

uty Prime Minister, said he had been encouraged by Mr Major's comments. "We were House of Commons had earlireassured by his very clear er strongly backed Mr Major and direct and speedy link as he declared that, although between possible elections and the peace process had suffered negotiations. That is a direc- a setback from the men of tion the Irish Government has

been pursuing."

Mr Spring added that Dublin still had many questions about elections. But he significantly softened his opposition to Mr Major's plan when he

who produced last month's report on the Northern Ireland negotiations, last night begged David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, to help to salvage the peace

At a meeting in Washington Mr Mitchell pressed Mr Trimble to keep searching for a way to convene all-party talks. Mr Trimble was also due to meet President Clinton at the White House.

said: "We all know that imposed elections will not work.

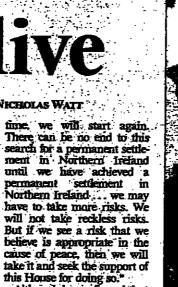
end of the road for peace. If we are pushed back, we will start again. If we are pushed back again, we will start again. If

Mitchell's talks plea to Trimble

The conciliatory attitudes being adopted in London and Dublin are likely to pave the way to a summit as early as nert week between Mr Major and the Irish Prime Minister. John Bruton, to keep the peace Dick Spring, Ireland's Deppplace in London — in defiance of the bombers.

violence, it was not over.

He said: "We are not at the we are pushed back a third



this House for doing so."

Although he confirmed that contacts between Sinn Fein and ministers had been cut off after the renewal of violence, Mr Major surprised MPs by the lengths to which he went to offer them a way back if the

ceasefire was restored. Senior ministers admitted yesterday that they did not know whether Gerry Adams, privy to the IRA's decision to restart their campaign.

The doubts, which intelligence sources have so far been unable to clear up, were reflected in Mr Major's statement that a huge question Fein and they must decide "whether they are a front for A subdued and restrained the IRA or a democratic political party committed to the ballot not the bullet".

He declared it was for them to show through words and actions whether they had a part to play. Mr Major insist-Continued on page 2, col 5

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Part of the crowd of 3,000 outside Belfast City Hall yesterday. The rally began with a minute's silence for the victims of Friday's bombins

'We felt a need to come here again'

BY NICHOLAS WATT IRRIAND CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of people joined a peace rally in the centre of Belfast yesterday to register their anger with

peace in Northern Ireland. Parents with young children joined office workers outside Belfast City Half at the same spot where tens of thousands of people cheered on Presi-

the IRA for threatening 18 months of

dent Clinton just over two months ago. The rally started off with a minute's silence in memory of the victims of the Docklands bomb attack. Hundreds of

Deople in the crowd of more than 3.000 people held up paper doves, reviving memories of the rallies that were held

at the height of the Troubles. Women for Peace, who organised the rally, said they were encouraged by the turnout. Anne Carr said: "The last time we were outside the City Hall was just before the IRA ceasefire. I hoped and prayed that we would never be here again. But after the bombing we felt a

need to come here again." Olive McAlea, a pensioner who came to the rally with her sister, Bridget McCann, said she was devastated by the IRA bomb. She said:

Turning out at the raily is our small way of telling the paramilitaries that we want peace, especially for the children. God seems to be with us today because the sun is shining."

Her comments were echoed by Charlie Butler, who lost three relatives in the IRA bomb attack on the Shankill Road in October 1993. He said he took heart from the thousands of people who turned out. "If this many people across the divide can come together why can't our politicians?"

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, last night urged the Church to redouble its efforts to help

achieve a peace settlement in Ireland Dr Carey, addressing the General Synod of the Church of England, said that the bomb was a tragedy "both in terms of the injuries and loss of life and of the blow it represents to the search

He said: "At such moments the role of the church is this: to redouble its efforts to help achieve a neace settlement and to continue to support all those, not least politicians of different traditions, who still thrive for a peaceful resolution of the conflict."

The Synod unanimously expressed

"deep dismay" at the terrorist attack.

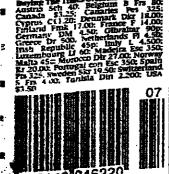


rill show you my report if you show me

Officers to face war crime court

Two senior Bosnian Serb offi-cers. General Diorje Djukic and Colonel Aleksa Krsmanovic, were taken from detention in Sarajevo last night and transferred to the war crimes tribunal in The Hague. Bosnia deal, page 10

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NHS ready to pay £10,000 for surrogate pregnancy

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

surrogate mother to have a baby for a childless couple at a cost likely to exceed £10,000. A district health authority is in talks with the Assisted Conception Unit at King's College, London, to make the

arrangement for a woman who has lost her uterus. It is believed to be the first NHS surrogacy. Many health au-thorities refuse to pay even for in-vitro fertilisation.

The news came as the British Medical Association, which used to advise doctors.

to have nothing to do with surrogacy, issued ethical guidelines which acknowledged the growing public ac-ceptance of the practice. Dr Fleur Fisher, head of the BMA's ethics committee, said:

THE National Health-Service can be very helpful to some ments when the surrogate couples." John Parsons, head of the King's College unit, said is negotiating to pay for a it was right for the NHS to pay for surrogacy as a last-resort treatment. The district health authority, from the south of England, would need to pay for psychological assessments, the collection of eggs, the in-vitro fertilisation, monitoring, counselling and insurance for

the surrogate mother.

The NHS would be expected to pay the surrogate's expenses, usually between £7,000 and £10,000. Mr Parsons declined to say which health authority was involved but confirmed it was a "full" surrogacy, using the egg and sperm of the couple to create an embryo to be implanted in a surrogate's womb.

"Partial" surrogacies are This is still a technique that usually do-it-yourself arrange-

mother inseminates herself using sperm from the prospective father. The BMA estimates that there are fewer than 100 cases of surrogacy each year but believes the numbers are growing.

A small study of surrogate mothers had shown that 75 per cent reported depression.
Whilst surrogate mothers appear to be more detached from their foetus than is usual, they may come to love the baby by the ninth month." says a report published yester-day. "Even if she does relin-quish the child, feelings of pain, anger and guilt might persist for a very long time, and be coupled with fears that the child was not being prop-erly loved and cared for."

Wakeham called in over tunnel debts

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

A FRENCH court has appointed Lord Wakeham, the former Cabinet minister, as a mediator in the dispute between Eurotunnel and the 225 banks to which it owes more than £8 billion.

with Robert Badinter, former Prench minister of justice, he will try to find a deal that will save the company from financial collapse. The two men were appointed under a French procedure designed to protect employees when a company is deemed close to insolvency.

Eurotunnel has already

stopped paying interest on its borrowings and could be forced into receivership by March next year, if it fails to agree a financial restructuring by then. The mediators will interview representatives of all those with a financial interest Body and Mind, page 12 in Eurotunnel's survival, in-

cluding shareholders, bankers, management and staff. It it likely to report in the summer, but cannot force an agreement on the company. Sir Alastair Morton, the

British chairman of Eurotunnel, insisted last night that the appointments by the Paris based Tribunal de Commerce were a "positive development" that could break the logiam in the talks. He said: "In no sense is this a stage of insolvency. It is a court procedure that is pursuing an agreed reorgan-isation. This is the friendly route."

He said there was "no threat* to travel concessions enjoyed by shareholders: "Of the 420,000 shareholders who have them, over 300,000 expire in November. They must use them before then."

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Limbo, frustrating eighth age of the not-yet-old

IN BALTIMORE . AND NICK NUTTALL

American psychologist has invented an eighth, which she calls limbo.

An increasing number of people enter limbo when they leave their jobs. she says. Too young to retire, they are caught between two worlds: their fulltime careers are over, but they have yet limbo. They have skills, education, to enter old age. Many are hustrated good health and financial resources.

by the lack of options open to them. Professor Phyllis Moen, of Cornell University, told the American Association for the Advancement of Science FORGET the seven ages of man. An yesterday that she had studied a random sample of 762 men and women between the ages of 50 and 72, two fifths of whom were still working. Among those who had retired, she said, we are finding many of these seasoned citizens find themselves in themselves in the said.

arrangements limit their options.
"We have changed the behaviour of people and their health, but we have not changed the cultural convention that equates retirement with leisure. Most of these people would like to work less, but not retire."

The issues of ageing are likely to intensify with increasing longevity, according to British scientists. British organisations said yesterday that limho age issues were starting to be addressed. Age Concern said it was setting up Age Resource advice centres where staff would try to match the skills of fit and active older people with local skill shortages. Simon Watts, of Voluntary Service

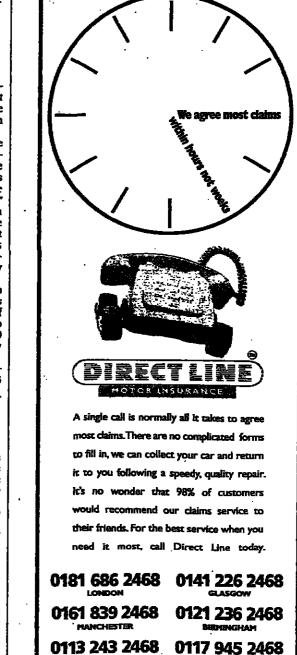
Overseas, said that, from being an organisation for school and university leavers, it was now encouraging people as old as 70 to join. "Some have skills which are no longer needed here. But in the developing world they can be life-saving," he said.

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After the shattering blast, a quiet unity

commonplace to remark on the change in attitude there. If John Major can take any credit for this he can take credit, too, for a change that has been less noticed. There has been a transformation of MPs' approach in the Commons where Ireland is

They received yesterday's statement in a manner which those who recall how Ireland used to be discussed would recognise as a quiet revolution. Gone were the bitter and inflammatory kneejerk responses from Ulster Unionists. Gone were the platitudes about evil, the flag-waving and sabre-rattling, once char-acteristic of Tory backbench reaction. Gone was the naive sympathy with which many Labour MPs used to swallow nationalist propaganda.

in their place we heard from every side the sort of careful and informed reaction one might expect from an assembly composed entirely of junior ministers. MPs seemed genuinely to be trying to be calm the situation. It was most

The Prime Minister is at his best when guiding the Commons through danger. Never a great rallier for the attack, he Speaking with quiet informality he reminded the House both of the perils but also of



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

the prize. He outlined his scepticism towards Sinn Fein without apology but also without aggression. He told MPs why they should not adopt positions they might later

In an impromptu remark to Robert McCartney, the North Down MP, Mr Major said: go for victory. In circumstances such as [these] I think there will be areas where people will have to look and see whether the ends justify the means." Not, perhaps, a

ringing phrase - certainly we cannot imagine hearing it from his predecessor - but a telling one; and not a bad clarity and point emerges as we get to know Major better.

The whole House responded to it. Instead of the usual cacophony, each succeeding voice chimed in as though part of some choral arrangement a arranged to celebrate the virtues of caution. Tony Blair led off: a confident and supportive tenor; Tom King (a former Northern Ireland Secretary). wished the PM well Mr Major thanked both. For the Unionists, John D

Taylor (UUP, Strangford) was flexible. Mr Major was attentive. The Rev lan Paisley (DUP, Antrim North) rumbled but, helpfully, failed to erupt. Major thanked him. To a buzz of interest, the SDLP's John Hume buried his anger and proposed a preparatory referendum. Major promised

Paddy Ashdown had a slight quibble. Major overlooked it. Peter Shore urged him forward. Major was obliged. Labour's Bridget Prentice (Lewisham East) and Mildred Gordon (Bow and Poplar) offered soprano and

ceived them. Michael Mates (C, East Hampshire, and a former Northern Ireland minister) was interesting. Major was interested. Clive Soley (Lab, Hammersmith) volunteered a thought. Major chewed it over.

Alone in their notes of dissonance. Labour's Tony Benn and the Tories' Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton South-West) hinted at unreconstructed attitudes. Benn's nationalist, Budgen's Unionist. Their isolation served only to underline the change that

has come over this Commons. A hushed chamber: as quiet as Friday's explosion was loud. But, in its way, equally

ALAN WELLER

Revised ERM may herald the euro

Europe's leaders are planning a new exchange-rate mechanism as part of moves towards a single currency. Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, says today. In an article in Parliamentary Review underlining Germamy's backing for a core group of European Union countries to forge ahead with a single currency by 1999, Dr Waigel says that the Madrid summit in December backed the idea of a reborn ERM as a bridge to the euro for countries that did not sign up at the start.

However, the Treasury said that the summit communique says that member states simply decided to conduct a study of the future relationship between countries inside EMU and those outside. France hints at delay, page !!

Winds bring power cuts

Winds gusting at 80mph damaged power lines in Devon and Cornwall yesterday, leaving 4,000 homes without electricity. A barn on a farm near Stithians was roped down to prevent it being blown into a nearby road. A typhoon was thought to have ripped the roof off a house in Royston, Herifordshire, and damaged roofs in nearby streets. A search was under way last night for an unnamed climber missing after being swept down a mountain by an avalanche in the Highlands.

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Boy on murder charge

services yesterday charged with murder after a teenager was stabled to death in a row with friends. Richard Duxbury, 16, died on Saturday night from a single wound to the chest from a bread knife at Chaddesden, Derbyshire. A 15-year-old and a 17-year-old were charged with violent disorder and released on bail by Derby magistrates sitting as a youth court. All four youngsters lived locally and attended the same school.

Army recruitment bonus

Thousands of soldiers are being issued with bounty cards that could earn them £250 each if they recruit a friend. The satisfied soldier" card scheme is the latest move by the Army to boost recruiting in the face of an alarming shortage of frontline troops. A shortfall of 2,000 is expected this year. Cards are being handed out to potential recruiters of all ranks in undermanned units. The first two soldiers, a Guardsman and a member of the Royal Anglian Regiment, have already received their payments

Church lottery dilemma

Some parishes anti-churches will be forced to seek lottery tash, despite recent criticism of the National Lottery by senior members of the Church of England, the General Synod was told yesterday. The Rt Rev David Sheppard. Bishop of Liverpool and chairman of the Church's Board of Social Responsibility, said he believed the lottery was here to stay, but "we believe it could be better regulated and that there are some regulations which would be better put

Raffle couple guilty

A couple who offered their Lake District cottage in Great Langdale as the prize in a raffle found themselves in trouble when they failed to sell enough tickets. The woman £150,000 home. Andrew Barnett, 50, and his former wife Elizabeth, 40, admitted at Carlisle Crown Court stealing £1,022 from some of the people who bought tickets. They will be sentenced next month. Twelve charges of obtaining money by deception were withdrawn.

Juror jailed for fraud

A juror who swindled more than £3,000 in false expense claims during one of Scotland's longest-running trials was jailed for six months yesterday. Glasgow Sheriff Court was told that Thomas Young 35, of Haghill, Strathclyde, said that he carned £200 a week at a restaurant but he worked there only on a casual basis. The six-month trial held at the Sheriff Court in 1994 came close to being aborted when two other members of the jury were also dismissed for expenses

Jail hostage inquiry

Prison staff began an inquiry yesterday into how two inmates were able to get a craft knife and hold a prison auxiliary hostage for nine hours at a top-security prison.
The male auxiliary was released undurt after being held in a cell at Whitemoor prison in Cambridgeshire by two men

Baseball bat victim

A passenger in a car who died after being beaten with a baseball bat by another motorist was the victim of an unprovoked attack, police confirmed yesterday. Peter Swailes, 39, was attacked on Friday by a man after an argument near Pontefract. West Yorkshire. He never regained consciousness and died two days later.

The top-selling pop band Take That is to issue a statement today after speculation about its future. Anguished fans bombarded the band's record company yesterday after press reports that the group would split after one final tour. The reports were denied by the record company RCA, which said they were "completely unfounded".

Allison falls foul

scored the winner against Middlesbrough on Saturday.

year. Last year the company made a profit of £7 million. slumped by a third in the past Mr Gallagher, the son of the

ed he was "not in the business

He was not seeking to erect barriers for produce harsh words that will make it more. difficult for those in Sinn Fein to do what needs to be done." Mr Major's readiness to

explore alternative ideas marked a contrast with his stance last month when, responding to the report of the Mitchell commission, he suggested that a start to decommonissioning or elections were the routes to

limited. Any suggestion of a return to old-style Stormont

rule was "manifest nonsense". But when asked whether he

Mr Major said that the

Northern Ireland.

old agenda. It didn't work for 25 years; marginalising, isolating people didn't work. What worked was dialogue, what worked was people trying to move the situation forward. The big lesson of the past 18 months is that unless



ministerial contacts. Howev-

er, the party was deeply con-

cerned by a similar move made by Dublin on Saturday.

Homework guidelines criticised

Labour proposals lack substance. say head teachers

By John O'Leary, Education editor

HEAD teachers of secondary schools condemned Labour's policies for raising standards as an "uncomfortable mixture of the naive and the messian-

In a withering critique of proposals launched by Tony Blair last December, the Secondary Heads' Association accused Labour of putting political considerations before educational objectives. Most of the planned initiatives lacked substance or were "trivial" attempts to offer an alternative to government policy.
The head teachers criticised

the degree of centralisation in Labour's blueprint for schools and expressed alarm at the prospect of renewed control by local authorities. John Dunford, the association's presi-dent, said: This suggests Labour is coming in thinking it can legislate every problem

out of existence. Labour leaders dismissed fears of a revival in town hall power over schools and insistproposals were vately, some accused the association of jibbing at its tough line on failing schools and incompetent teachers.

The dispute provided the first challenge to Labour from the teaching profession, which has opposed many of the Government's reforms. The association said it welcomed the philosophy behind the policy document, Excellence for Everyone, but found few positive ideas.

Among the proposals at-tacked by the head teachers were the speeding of dismissal procedures for poor teachers. official encouragement for streaming by subject, the in-troduction of national homework guidelines and the involvement of local authorities in school development plans. John Sutton, the general secretary, appealed for schools to be given a period of stability to make existing

schemes work. menis was based on the best research and development of detailed poli-"sound good practice". Pri- cies. The association was also

worried by the somewhat punitive approach" to dealing with bad teachers.

But the association's greatest concern was in the lack of clarity in Labour's plans for the role of local education authorities. Some proposals for dealing with failing schools were "intrusive" and any revival of powers removed Conservative rule would demotivate teachers.

Peter Miller, its deputy president, said many able people had left local authorities as the bodies' powers had declined. There is serious concern about the calibre of people who are working in LEAs now. Many would not command respect in schools," he

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World at One, Estelle Morris. Labour's education spokeswoman, said Labour had made clear spending commitments, including the prom-Mr Sutton said Labour's sise that no child aged under embargo on spending commit- seven would be taught in 30. She denied that Labour had any plans to re-impose LEA control.

Major's internal critic to lead from the back

CHIEF POLITICAL

JOHN MAJOR suffered a setback last night when one of his critics was elected leader of the backbench Tory Right. John Townend. MP for Bridlington, narrowly defeated a challenge by Neil Hamilton, a former minister, for the chairmanship of the 92 Group. Mr Townend, who publicly backed John Redwood in last year's leadership contest, confounded predictions that he would be punished for his past disloyalty.

Mr Hamilton was put forward as the "establishment candidate" in the battle between two right-wingers with similar Euro-sceptic, freemarket views. The 46-year-old MP for Tatton drew support from loyalists and Young Turks impressed by his strong

Thatcherite credentials. But Mr Townend's power base among the Euro-sceptic old guard in the 92 Group proved decisive. He was backed by most of its fivestrong steering committee and gained his reward for 12 years as the group's secretary. Mr Sir George Gardiner, another of Mr Redwood's supporters,



John Townend, who defeated Neil Hamilton for the chairmanship of the Conservative 92 Group:

who was elected to the steering committee when he stepped down after 11 years as

chairman... Conservative MPs have curbed their appetite for internal intrigue and rebellion as the general election approaches but Mr Major still faces stiff tests -- over the Scott report on Thursday, the Europe White council elections in May and the economy. The Prime Min-

ister will be hoping that Mr Townend and his allies will not rock the boat.

Co Mayo, said: "We make all

about any donations we make.

The amount has not necessar

ily increased. There is a history of this company suppor-

ting the Conservative Party. If

you do it through your company you have to disclose it -

if you do it privately, you do not. It is private. We are a very

Bob Shaw, Birmingham

district organiser of the Trans-

port and General Workers' Union, said: They are giving the Tories £114,000 for polit-

ical purposes. We are amazed

low-key company."

The 92 Group's influence has been weakened by the disparate opinions in its ranks and its tendency to act as little more than a talking shop. Mr Townend said: "The 92 is the biggest backbench grouping and my aim, with the help of increase the influence of the Centre-Right in the party."

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MOTOR INSURANCE

Small firm gives Tories a big boost of £114,000

late founder, who comes from

A. LITTLE-KNOWN family building firm has made a surprise £114,000 donation to the Tories at a time when corporate donors have been deserting the party. The donation from J.J. Gallagher, a Birmingham-based building company, has dwarfed the contributions of some of the party's biggest commercial supporters.

Directors of the private company, which employs 40 people in its Bordesley Green headquarters, were reluctant to discuss the donation, which has upset Midlands trade

ball club rather than for John Major. The family sold the club for £2 million to Sir Jack Hayward in 1990. Tony Gallagher, the com-

supporter of the party in the past. It gave £12,000 in 1991 and £10,500 the following

In the past the company has been better known for its passionate support for Wol-verhampton Wanderers foot-

pany chairman, said last night: "There are many others in the country who donate money privately and don't have to reveal it." The company has been a staunch but less generous

as anyone else that a firm which is really small fry has given such a large sum. The construction industry has been gripped by one of the most protracted recessions in living memory with tens of thousands of workers on the dole. The company has been involved in a number of big retail contracts in the Midlands. John Partridge, spokes-

man for the Transport and Company donations to the Conservative Party have

General Workers' Union which covers builders - said: "You expect this from merchant banks but it is unbelievable from a building firm."

Take That split denied

Malcolm Allison, the former soccer manager, has been sacked as a radio commentator after complaints about him swearing on air. Mr. Affison, who used to manage Middlesbrough, was working for Tyneside-based Century Radio when he swore as Newcastle United's Les Ferdinand

Major keeps peace hopes alive

of slamming doors".

He confirmed, however,

support for the election idea; he stressed that it would have to be broadly acceptable and that it would be strictly time-

had taken note of Mr Bruton's criticism of elections as "pouring petrol on the flames" he replied: "That is a matter under discussion and I think we will be able to reach an amicable agreement."

Docklands bomb might not be the last atrocity: more might

Mr Adams later condemned Mr Major for breaking ministerial contact with Sinn Fein. He said: "We are back to the

John Major is part of the partnership to build peace then we are all doomed. Sinn Fein is not surprised

by Britain's decision to cut off

Head advises parents to ban children from raves

A HEADMASTER warned parents yesterday to keep their children away from rave par-ties after a schoolboy was left drugs. Neville Tate, headmas ter of Yarm School, Cleveland. old parents that allowing

More youngsters are expected to attend events over the next few days at the Hardwick Durham, where James Fountain, 16, had a drink laced at a party ten days ago. He is in a serious condition

in a psychiatric unit, semiconscious, unable to recognise his parents or hold a conversaonds. Scientists have yet to determine what was not in his drink. Tests have confirmed that the substance was not ates but it will be some time before more complex tests can determine whether it was Ecstasy or LSD.

Mr Tate wrote to the parents of his 500 senior pupils, accusing the party's organ-isers of negligence. The propriate supervision or effective control." he wrote, "As a consequence of this neeligence some very undesirable people



slipped a powerful drug into a hotel's conduct." A police raid

scheduled to take place at the same venue. Doubtless you will wish to give sectors thought to the suitability of these dances as far as your son

drinking and Yarm and other schools whose pupils were present will be encouraging the police and the licensing gained admission and it app-authorities to look closely into ears one of them may have this and other aspects of the

Ecstasy, steroids and syringes, as well as CS spray, a knuckleduster and an imitation firearm. Three men in their 20s and three 16-year-olds were detained and later released on police bail until next month.

Hartlepool, Cleveland, had, in effect, been on "a week-long trip" and doctors were fearful

fully.

Police believe James was targeted by drug pushers at the party after he either confronted them or warner fellow pupils to keep away from the dealers. His parents told police that their son was erous in condemning the About 300 teenagers from

independent schools all over the North East paid £6 each to get into the party, organised by a sixth-former from Barnard Castle, a public school in the region. The youth was questioned by detectives last

Several pupils from public schools are known to make a substantial profit by organising such events. They start at about 7.30pm and finish before midnight. A DJ is hired to provide dance music and, although alcohol is not provid-ed, the venues all have licensed bars. Publicity is circulated within the public school network but tickets are often also sold on the door.

pher and Barbara Fountain, thought their son was drunk when friends took him home from the party. The next morning they realised it was not alcohol and took James to their GP. He was taken to Hartlepool General Hospital and transferred to the specialist psychiatric unit at St Loke's Hospital, Middlesbrough. His parents have been at his bedside ever since.



Wanted: homes for atomic kittens

FROM GILES WHITTELL

FOUR kittens born inside a nuclear power plant have after being cleansed of heavi doses of radiation.

Alpha, Beta, Gamma ar their mother crept under barbed wire fences and evad ed infra-red beams to seek nuclear power station on the Californian coast.

Despite a rigorous pest control programme, the four black kittens roamed the plant undetected for three weeks. Engineers then found them by a defunct reactor, and tried to carry them to freedom without notifying plant officials.

The plan foundered when alarm bells rang at the decontamination monitors through which all workers must pass every day. Geiger counters registered high levels of ra-dioactive caesium and cobalt in the kitters. in the kittens' fur. They were surrendered to specialists who washed them, tested their secretions and gave warning that they might never be completely radiation-

Although they were ex-posed to the equivalent of six X-rays, the kittens showed no ill-effects. On Sunday officials said they would probably

Top schools order urine tests for drug offenders

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LEADING independent incidents. Keith Dawson, drugs It would never be used erhools have ruled out rannumber are introducing regu-lar urine tests as a condition of of the committee, said that

readmitting known users. shire, which all expelled pu-

headmaster of The Haberdashers Aske's School in boarding schools were more and Headmistresses Confer- agreed with parents and the

be given a second chance. The part of youth culture. I think people will move away from the first frozen response into Its 240 schools include Eurn saying we must understand it College, Millield in Somerset and do something more posi-and Wellington College, Berk: tive, be said. "Drugs-testing will be used to support people

Ecstasy 'can devastate brain, heart and liver

ous irreversible dan the brain, heart and liver, according to research published today. Doctors in Shef-Ecstasy and a similar drug.

All of their livers had Clinical Pathology says.

undergone dramatic Doctors from Sheffield

undergone dramatic changes, ranging from large areas of dead tissue to jaundice. Five of the men had

USERS of Eestasy risk seri- effects of Eestasy. The shortnage to term risks of Eestasy use are be asked about the long-term effects on the brain, liver and

heart, considering the pathol-

University and the city's Royal Hallamshire Hospital say in the report that they estipeople use Eestasy in Britain each week. The mixture of materials used to make tab-

randomly, which would be wrong morally and probably Research at Exeter Univer-

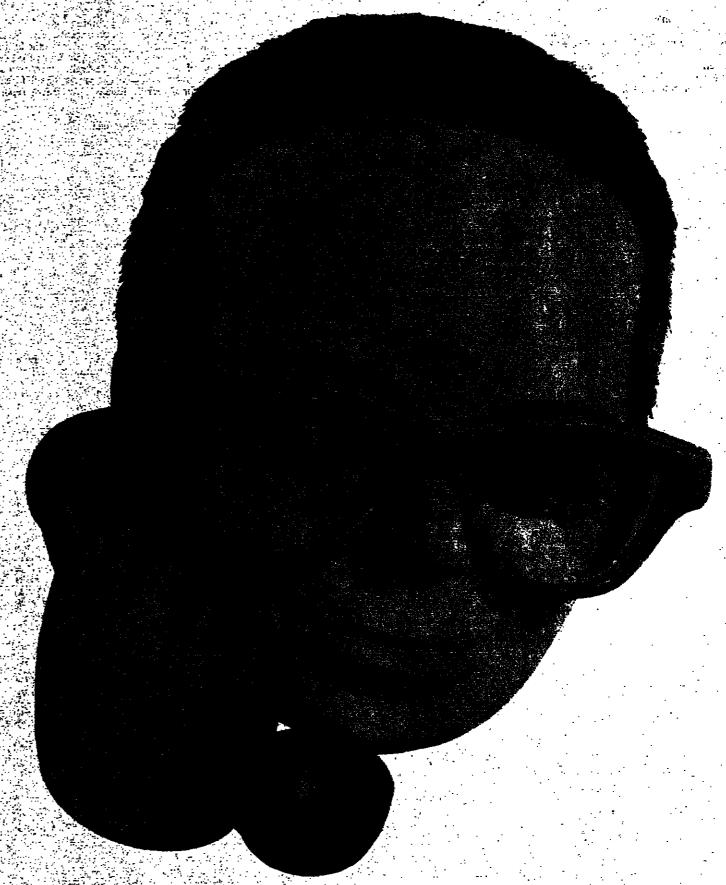
and more than a quarter of amines or "speed" had been tried by 11.2 per cent of the boys and 95 per cent of the girls. Two school years earlier, one in ten children aged 13 and

suspended for drug-taking provided that they took urine tests ranging from twice a week to once a month. None of the pupils, who left last summer, tested positive.

A growing number of schools are writing a drugstest clause into their contract with parents so that they can ask a student to undergo analysis if there are wellfounded suspicions.

In the past 12 months Eton expelled a boy and suspended another for possessing Ecstasy and four sixth-formers were arrested in March after one was found with cannabis. Last summer, three boys were expelled from Wellington College, four were suspended from Westminster School, London, Milifield. Three were expelled and 19 disciplined at Pangbourne College, Reading.

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Court orders Scots girls to join father in France

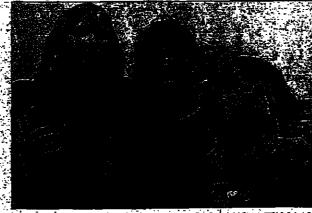
TWO young girls at the centre of a custody battle have been ordered to return to their father in France, despite their pleas to stay in Scotland with their mother and younger brother. Fiona Cameron, 36, who

has been ordered to return her daughters Rachael, 7, and Sasha, 5, to their father Robert Cameron, 41, near Bordeaux in a formight, said she was devastated by the ruling. She said Rachael had been crying herself in sleep at night with the worry of the case. Yesterday, Lord Hamilton,

sitting at the Court of Session in Edinburgh, ruled in favour of Mr Cameron, an archaeologist, and ordered the girls return to France. Last July the same judge ruled in favour of) The Court of Session heard

ger hope.

that Rachael and Sasha wanted to stay with their mother and brother, Hamish, 3, in Portmahomack, Highland. Rachael said: "I want to stay because I love my pony Snowdrop so much. I love my teacher and my school." She



Sasha, left, and Rachael with their mother Fiona

language difficult at school.
Her mother claimed the children had lived in France for a notal of only three months. Mrs Cameron said they would be in an "intolerable situation" if they were forced to return and that they would suffer

had lost her case, Mrs Camer-

consult her solicitor in the next few days to see if there is any taken. "I am dreading going to court using a language I don't understand in a country 1 don't live in to decide the future of children born in Scotland, " she said.

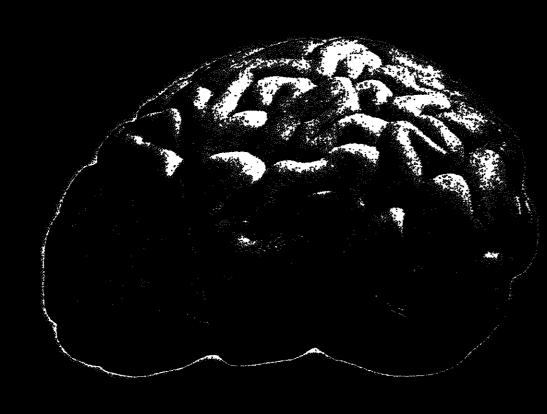
 Lord Hamilton pointed out that Mr Cameron was prepared to move out of his home



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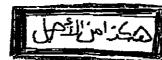
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Fifty years on, German returns to homeland for silver hidden in last weeks of the war

Count recovers the treasure he buried in face of Russian advance

By Dalya Alberge Arts correspondent

A GERMAN count has unearthed a hoard of silver he buried more than 50 years ago as a teenager fleeing with his family from the advancing Russian forces.

Count Alexander zu Lynar-Redern, 67, a retired manager of the Lufthansa airline, recalled yesterday how he buried the treasure at night as the: Second World War drew to a chaotic close. It was hidden hours before the Soviet troops moved into Gorlsdorf, the castle and estate about 30 miles northeast of Berlin, in which his family had lived for 300 years

1830s and Meissen porcelain his French wife, will sell them through Sotheby's at a series

. On April 20, 1945, the count two deep holes. They lowered and his mother, Princess Vic . the crates into them and toria - who had been wid- covered the area with leaves awed in 1934 — were and branches. The count, who preparing to flee with other had hepatitis and was too families in German villages weak to dig, recalled how they near the River Oder. A tractor felt like "old-fashioned pi-



and two trailers on which they were planning to escape had room only for people, not possessions they were taking 30 of their faithful estateworkers with them.

The count said: "The Russians were very close. The sky The treasures included a was lit with artillery. I was 120-piece silver dinner service afraid that I'd get hit by a made by Odiot of Paris in the grenade and I'd be buried." 1890s and Meissen porcelain. With their gamekeeper, off which European royalty coachman and an estate ate in the 19th century. The worker, they packed their best count, who lives in Nice with silver and porcelain into wooden crates.

They loaded them on to a of sales in May and June for horse-drawn cart and drove an estimated £150,000. into the forest where they dug into the forest where they dug

able things".

He enlisted the help of

treasure hunter. The forest. mainly fir trees, had changed

was some two metres below

emotional moment. His sister and nephew were with him. It childhood."

The wooden crates had disintegrated and much of the porcelain had broken under the weight of sandy soil above

rates. They wrapped each precious object in newspaper, and used stone hunting markers along the forest track as guides.

The silver was placed in one hole, the porcelain in the other. The count drew a map, determined to retrieve the treasure one day.

Five days later, he and his

mother told the estate workers to grab their most pre-cious possessions. They fled. Within 24 hours, the Soviet army arrived at Görlsdorf. The building and its contents were quickly destroyed.

"My mother believed she'd come back after six months." He was sure it would take longer, but not 50 years. He kept the yellowing piece of paper with him wherever he went: it was all that was left of his heritage. It was not until June 1995

that he was able to return. Görlsdorf had been expropriated by the Communists: the forest had become the private hunting ground of General Mielke, head of the Stasi, the East German secret service. The general regularly hunted over the land under which the treasure was buried.

Unification and the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 made it possible for the count to return. He was told after lengthy negotiations that the land would not be returned but that he could keep "port-

Gregory Mills, a professional so much in half a century that they could not rely on the

·The count's markings narrowed their search to a radius of 200 metres, but the treasure ing equipment, they found the exact spot within 90 minutes. it. But several hundred pieces The count recalled how, as they started digging, "we heard a little click. That was the first plate."

Mr Mills said: "It was an

was all that remained of their

restored. Mr Mills, European manager of Geophysical Survey Systems, specialises in find-

remained intact, saved

because they had been

covered in verdigris, a green-

ish coating caused by damp

conditions, and bits of old

newspaper that had attached

itself to the items: all can be

Some of the silver was

stacked vertically.



ing archaeological treasure. The company manufactures radar systems for subsurface detection

Rumours of buried treasure had long circulated among villagers near the estate. The count said: "I thought someone might have found it." But the three men who had helped to bury it kept their secret to the end. The count tried to trace his former staff but all three had died and he was

unable to track down any of their relatives.

Count Alexander zu Lynar-Redern at Sotheby's yesterday with the Odiot silver dinner service, recovered with the aid of the map,

below left, that he drew as a 16-year-old before his family abandoned Görlsdorf, the family home about 30 miles from Berlin

The Odiot silver service was ordered from Paris by Count Wilhelm von Redern, to celebrate his marriage to Hertha von Jenisch in 1834. Von Redern, a prominent figure in Berlin society of the day, was chamberlain to the King of Prussia, Friedrich Wilhelm IV.

The present count has kept few items as "a souvenir".

To clean a silver service of this size, he noted, "you must have

Harry Charteris of Sotheby's said: "To find an Odiot service is a rare occurrence. To find one that has been buried for 50 years is incredible." It is expected to fetch about £65,000 in Geneva on May 13. It is inscribed with the von Redern family coat of arms. The remainder of the

silver, mainly 19th-century

household items has estimates ranging from £40 to £1.500, and will be sold in London on May 30.

The 19th-century Meissen porcelain includes one service of 134 pieces and another of 119 pieces. It will be auctioned in London on June 4. The proceeds will be divided between the heirs of Princess Victoria zu Lynar-Redern.

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BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

TWO leading cancer charities sun for 20 times as long as both claimed yesterday in have launched Britania first charity sun lotion. The Cancer Research Cam-

paign described its factor-20 sum protection lotion as a British first. The Imperial Cancer Research Fund said. that its four lotions, a stick and a moisturiser, all using the new Sun Safe label, made it the first UK charity to devel op its own range of superare products"

The rivalry means that bolidaymakers will this sum mer he spoilt by a choice of preferred by makers of sun charitable options. Profits on the products will go to te search. Both labels give medical tips on skin care, and each charity said it had been helped by Boots the Chemist

The Cancer Research Campaign assembled an impressive array of champions to endorse its lotion: two profes-'sors, a doctor, an Australian advertising man (to talk about skin-cancer campaigns) and the buying and marketing controller for beauty and personal care at Boots the Chemist. Merv Hughes, the Australian cricketer, appeared

in a promotional video. The Imperial Cancer Research Fund issued a state ment quoting two doctors, a knight and a retail expert.

There is little to choose tween the products on price. The Cancer Research Campaign has only one, called the Cancer Research Campaign Sun Protection Lotion", which will sell at £7.99 for 200ml and Eli 49 for 400ml. It has a sun-wait until April 1 to try the protection factor of 20 fallow Imperial Cancer Research ing sunbathers to stay in the . Frind's range.....

Advertising switch cost council £130,000

A COUNCIL'S decision to stop advertising with Times without the cream), comes in Newspapers and change to plain blue bottles and has The Guardian has been strongly criticised by the disbeen launched without any trict auditor, who found that The lotion was originally the switch cost £130,000 in court and higher advertising developed by the Australian Cancer Society of Victoria and

After a six-year investigahas been made in Britain by tion. Keith Stanton, the Mid-Standard Soap of Skelmersdate, Lancashire. lands district auditor, has The Imperial Cancer Redecided that there was no wilful misconduct by councilsearch Fund has a range of products marketed under the lors or officers which caused the loss and no one is to be white labels, contrasting with surcharged. the usual browns or oranges

mild factor-25 sunblock for children, costing £9.49 for 250ml, a £5.99 factor-25 stick

and a moisturiser or "daily

cooler costing £4.99 for 250ml. The products are made

Both charities are copying

the tactics of the Australian

Cancer Society, which has

boosted funds by gaining 25

per cent of the Australian sun-

Dr. Julia Newton Bishon, of

St James's Hospital, Leeds,

said she suggested the idea to the Imperial Cancer Research

Campaign six years ago. Only

now was the public ready to

accept such a product on the

The Cancer Research Cam-

paign's lotion will be on sale from the middle of March

while consumers will have to

lonon market.

by Boots Manufacturing

The advertising switch was agreed in 1989 by Labour-controlled Derbyshire Coun-The fund's "daily sun covty Council after The Sunday er coffering a protection factor Times ran two articles critiof 15 costs £8.95 for 250ml and cal of David Bookbinder. £12.99 for 500ml. There is a council leader at the time.

EN CORRECTIONS OF

☐ It was Sir Frank Fraser Darling, the British scientist, the possibility of deforestation and fuel emissions melting the polar ice caps (article, February 5).

Although the Law Society has had problems with a new

computer system (report, February 7) all solicitors' practising certificates remain valid, and applications from those seeking a first certificate are being processed by hand. We accept that the Law Society is not in breach of its statutory responsibilities.

□ Cunard has not yet announced its millennium plans for the QE2 (report, February 8), and the Ameri-tan-based Millennium Society has no booking with Cunard.

National Trust unveils futuristic plan for the past

By Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent

THE National Trust is bidding for £11.35 million of National Lottery cash to mark the millennium by installing computer-based information systems at 30 of its most visited sites.

The trust says the scheme will revolutionise the way information is presented in the 21st century, dramatically improving the enjoyment, education and entertainment offered to visitors".

The trust will be competing for funds with the Countryside Commission, which unveiled plans yesterday to spend £67 million buying blocks of land and creating 1,000 new public open spaces, or "greens", by the turn of the century. It hopes to get National Lottery money to cover half the cost.

Richard Simmonds, chairman of the commission, which advises the Government on countryside and landscape matters, said: "Our objective is to provide local open spaces a green lung — to communi-ties which have none at

present "The whole idea is very exciting. A thousand new recreational areas on the doorsteps of the local community would benefit a tremendous number of people, and wildlife

Martin Drury, director-general of the National Trust. said: "This is a project about revelation and discovery. The project seeks to weave a tapestry of information, enabling people of all ages to discover the great wealth of natural and man-made treasures in the trust's care."

If the money is forthcoming,

million which the trust, and its sister organisation in Scotland, will need to get the project, "A Thousand Threads", off the ground. The trust hopes to raise the rest of the money from the

it will represent half the £22.7

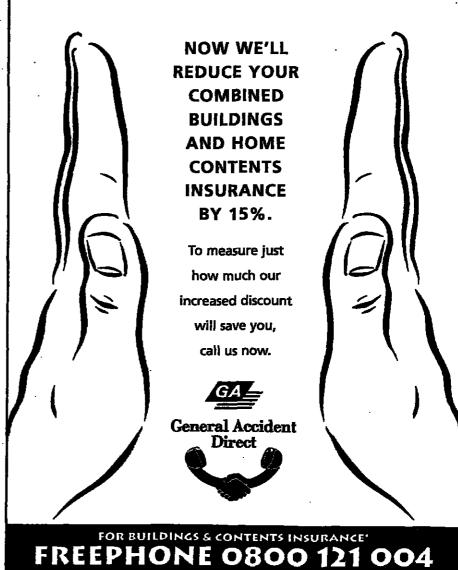
European Union, business partners and educational trusts and foundations. The aim is to use CD-Roms, virtual-reality and interactive multimedia displays to bring to life the history of properties. Four properties have been

chosen to demonstrate the concept: Avebury, the prehistoric henge and stone circle in Wiltshire; the ruined Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire, which dates from a Benedictine foundation of the early 12th century: Cragside in Northumberland, a 19th-century mansion which was the first in Britain to be lit by hydro-electricity; and Snowdonia in North Wales.

At Avebury a "virtual reality walkway" housed in an ancient barn will "peel back the various historical layers of this large-scale and complex site". Archaeologists recently found evidence of a burial mound indicating the site was in use before 3000 BC.

If the project wins the sup-port of the Millennium Commission, work on the project could begin by the end of this year and all 30 sites could be completed by 2000.

The trust owns 201 historic houses, 233 gardens and public parks, 581,000 acres of farmland and 555 miles of coastline, in 1994-95, some 10.8 million people visited trust properties.



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SDLP leader calls for referendum as main parties voice support for Major's campaign

Let the people show their will for peace, says Hume

JOHN HUME, leader of the nationalist SDLP, yesterday condemned the IRA bombing in London as "a terrible atrocity" and called for an allireland referendum on the peace process before the end of

He told MPs that the people of Northern Ireland had shown a massive will for Referendums should be held in the republic and in the North asking people if they unequivocally disapproved of violence and if they wanted all parties to begin negotiations.

I think that one of the best ways forward now is to let the people speak and let them speak very clearly." he said. Because if they do, neither the IRA nor anybody else will be able to ignore them.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, responding to John Major's statement, emphasised his support for the Government's approach. Whatever the political differences between myself and the Prime Minister, on this we shall stand four-square together in the cause of peace." he said. The attack might have been a tactical move by the IRA, but for the victims it was a matter of life or death. he added. There can be nothing but the most profound contempt for those who will butcher wholly innocent people in the pursuit of any such strategy, whatever it is."

Mr Blair said that Sinn Fein represented only a small section of the nationalist community and must accept peaceful methods if it wanted to join talks. "That is the only conceivable course that any British Government could conceivably justify."

John Taylor, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionists, joined Mr Major in condemning the IRA atrocity". He said that the inevitability of another terrorist attack had grown as Sinn Fein rejected the Downing Street Declaration.



ples of the Mitchell Commission and refused to reach agreement with all the other nationalist parties at the Dublin Forum for Peace and Reconciliation.

'Sinn Fein has totally isolated itself." he said. "The benefit from this terrible incident is the mobilisation of the people of Northern Ireland for lasting peace. There is a great abhorrence for what happened."

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, also gave his party's full support to Mr Major. Is this not the moment when the Sinn Fein must decide whether they are going to be a democratic party committed to peace, or whether they are going to be the prisoner of every callous and arbitrary decision made by the

Mr Ashdown then called on Mr Major to restore trust and unanimity of voice and action between Dublin and London. Surely if that requires compromise on the favourite solutions being put forward by both sides, that is a small price to pay," he said.

The Rev lan Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader. said it was "very strange" that



Hume: condemned

when nationalist leaders condemned the bombing they then repeated the "propagan-da lie" that Mr Major and the Unionist leaders were to blame. He accused them of being prepared to "parrot the lying propag IRA/Sinn Fein". propaganda" of

Only Tony Benn (Lab, Chesterfield) condemned Mr Major's negotiating tactics. He said that the ceasefire was the product of work done by Mr Hume, Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, and the former Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds.

He said that Mr Major's election plan had never been the subject of proper discus-sion with Dublin. "In one sense there has been no peace process, there has been a ceasefire." he said.

Mr Major told Mr Benn he was "quite wrong". The Prime Minister said that Sinn Fein had not been asked to decornmission every weapon they had, "they were asked to make some decommissioning to instil confidence".

Robert McCartney (ind Unionist, North Down) said: The restoration of a ceasefire and the entering into further negotiations with Sinn Fein/IRA begs the question, will they simply further down the line, when they meet with another impasse, or some situation which does not meet with their approval, simply blast it out of the way in the manner of Canary Wharf?"

Bridget Prentice (Lab., Lewisham East) said that one of the victims of the blast was John Jeffries, one of her constituents. "He was a very talented young musician and very popular," she said. Mr Major replied: "The

best memorial to Mr Jeffries and to all the others who have been murdered over the past 30 years, would be for all of us. to bend all our will to finding a proper full-term solution."

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John Major leaving Downing Street for the House of Commons yesterday to make his statement on the end of the IRA ceasefire

'We will not be deterred by terrorism'

This is an edited extract of John Major's statement to the Commons

THE IRA has brought the 17-month-old ceasefire to an end. There is no shred of an excuse for this return to violence, least of all now, when allparty negotiations were clearly in

After the August 1994 ceasefire declaration, we called repeatedly on the IRA to make clear that it was permanent. despite criticism by some for doubting IRA good faith. We did doubt their good faith, and the IRA did not say it was permanent. Nonetheless, after a prudent period of time. in order to move the process forward. we were prepared to act on the working assumption that the ceasefire

In the months that followed we reduced the more visible and inconvenient aspects of security. We took soldiers off the streets and opened all the border crossing points. We did everything possible to create new jobs and helped to produce a remarkable

economic upsurge. We talked to Sinn Fein leaders at official and ministerial level. We constantly sought to move the peace process on to the all-party negotiations everyone agrees are necessary. No one - no one - took more risks MAMORIS STATEMENT

we never lost sight of the fact that the IRA commitment had not been made for good. No responsible government could have done otherwise. That was why we and others saw a start to the decommissioning of illegal arms as a vay of creating confidence in Sinn Fein's acceptance of democratic peaceful methods, and showing that the violence really has ended.

But all the time that Sinn Fein were calling for all-party talks, we knew that the IRA continued to train and plan for terrorist attacks. Punishments beatings and killings continued. They remained ready to resume full-scale terrorism at any time. We could never be confident their behaviour was that of an organisation which had decided was not true peace.

I regret to say that the events of last Friday showed that our caution about the IRA was only too justified. The timing of the return to violence may have been surprising. The fact that violence could resume was not. We must now continue the search for permanent peace and a comprehensive political settlement. Let there be no doubt that the Government's commitment to this is as strong as ever. We will work for peace with all the democratic political parties and

with the Irish Government. But a huge question mark now hangs over the position of one of the parties: Sinn Fein. Their leaders have spoken often of their commitment to peace and peaceful methods. But they have always ducked and weaved when they have been questioned about the IRA and their methods. After the events of last Friday their ambiguity stands out

Sinn Fein's leaders claim that they did not know about the bomb at South Quay and the IRA's ceaselire statement. But they have refused either to condemn or to dissociate themselves from either. Madam Speaker, Sinn Fein must decide whether they are a front for the IRA or a democratic and not to the bullet.

Meanwhile, one thing is clear. In the absence of a genuine end to this enewed violence, meetings between British Ministers and Sinn Fein are not acceptable and cannot take place. That is also the position of the Irish Government. They have made it clear to Sinn Fein that their attitude and willingness to meet at political level will be determined by whether the IRA ceasefire is restored. We and the Irish Government are at one on this: the ball is in the court of Sinn Fein and the IRA, if indeed that distinction

in the peace process or not. I am not in the business of slamming doors. But the British and Irish peoples need to know where Sinn Fein now stand.

The peace process will go on. The aim is, as it has always been to enable negotiations between all the parties to start. I want everyone to be absolutely clear on this point. The objective of all our actions and policies before and since the ceasefire has been to get to a position where all constitutional democratic parties can get round a table together. Everything is a means to that essential end.

The peace process in Northern Ireland has received a serious setback from the men of violence. But it is not the benefits of what has been achieved since the ceasefire: the freedom to live and work normally, and to enjoy life. increased prosperity and new jobs: new hope for the future. These must not be thrown away.

This Government will not be deterred by terrorism. The people of Northern Ireland have tasted peace, a peace that changed their lives. I have told the House before that I will leave no stone unturned in the search for peace. That is true today and will remain true in the future.

The people of Great Britain and

Prime Ministers are under pressure for new way forward

The British and Irish Governments will ensure that whatever the next steps in the Northern Ireland peace process are, they will be agreed between them. The recent public disagreements between London and Dublin may not have affected the IRA's decision to explode the South Quay bomb, given

volved, but they did sour the political atmosphere. The result was a maximum degree of misunderstanding with faults of interpretation on both sides. All that has now changed.

Yesterday was a holding operation as post-outrage statements usually are. The formalities of condemnation.

RIDDELL ON POLITICS sympathy and praise were

> narty leaders. But more striking was the tone adopted by John Major in his discussion of the prospects

duly paid in the Commons by

the Prime Minister and other

was firm, but conciliatory That reflects a joint approach agreed with John Bruton. There will be no meetings between ministers of either Government and Sinn Fein in the absence of a genuine end to violence, though contacts will be maintained at official level. But, equally, nothing will be done to push people into the hands of the IRA.

Consequently, in the Commons yesterday, Mr Major carefully avoided raising the temperature of exchanges with Gerry Adams. In talking of the "ambiguity" of Sinn Fein's position in relation to the IRA. Mr Major seemed to recognise

the vulnerability of Mr Adams' political position. He did not want to "erect barriers or produce harsh words' which would make it harder for those in Sinn Fein to do what needs to be done. Saying he was "not in the business of slamming doors", he argued that it was now up to Sinn Fein to "decide whether they are front for the LRA or a

democratic politically party committed to the ballot not the bullet. The underlying message was, "we will keep our distance from you, Sinn Fein. unless and until you (Sinn Fein/IRA) unequivocally return to the ceasefire and demonstrate a commitment to aggravate your [Mr Adams's] political problems."

Mr Major was careful to

distinguish means from ends in establishing "the necessary confidence to enable negotiations between all the parties to start". Everything else, he added, is "a means to that essential end".

Given the IRA's refusal to start decommisioning arms now, he argued that holding elections to give an electoral mandate which would lead straightaway to negotiations between all parties remained option, "the most promising opening available", and is, of course, strongly backed by the Ulster Unionists. Mr Major

his prior contacts with the Dublin Government and the SDLP. Moreover, Mr Major said yesterday that other options would be considered: none

representations and misun-

derstandings" by emphasising that the elected body would

have to be broadly acceptable

and would be strictly time

limited and not have legisla-

tive and administrative

powers. "Any suggestion of a

return to old-style Stormont

rule is manifest nonsense".

That has always been Mr

Major's position, but the reas-

surances were not clear

enough in Mr Major's earlier

Commons statement and in

suggestions and did not even dismiss out of hand the call by John Hume for referendums north and south of the border on the renunciation of violence and all-party talks.

Mr Major's emphasis on the end of all-party negotiations. rather than the particular means of achieving them, offers the hope of friendlier and more positive talks with Dublin and the SDLP. That is no guarantee of agreement. But there is now pressure not just on Sinn Fein and the IRA to restore the ceasefire but also on the two Prime Ministers' to produce fresh proposals at their summit next week. Yesterday, they bought time.

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peaceful negotiations. Mean-while, we will not try to Unionist leader preaches calm to 'men who matter'

By Alan Hamilton in belfast GUSTY SPENCE was in a

burry. He was on his way to the Maze prison yesterday afternoon to brief loyalist prisoners on the hardline Protestant community's reaction to Friday night's bomb-

ing by the IRA.
For Spence, it was a familiar journey. He served 17 years of a life sentence for a sectarian murder committed in 1966, before the present troubles had even begun. Still protesting his innocence, he has become the grand old man of the Progressive Unionist Party, regarded as the political front of Ulster's leading loyalist paramilitary

force, the UVF. Puffing a pipe and looking every inch the kindly uncle, Spence said his message to the prisoners, many of whom have influence in the paramilitary war councils, would be simple. "I will be telling them to persuade the men who matter to do nothing. There is no future in answering one

crime with another crime." With the IRA ceasefire broken and all-party talks not yet begun. Spence believed that peace process was now in a dangerous vacuum. "But I think the paramilitaries will keep their powder dry; they have been through the mill. and they are realists. They

LOYALIST REACTION

the London bomb, but they are not fools. Any talk of reprisal raids on Dublin is

At the Rex bar near the PUP headquarters in the Protestant heartland of the Shankill Road, the first reaction to Friday's bomb had been to draw a steel shutter over the front door and admit customers only by a buzzer on a locked side door under surveillance of closed-circuit television.

By yesterday the shutter. not previously used since the ceasefire was declared, had gone again and the street door was open to all-comers. "My customers assured me it was a bit of a knee-jerk reaction." the manager said.

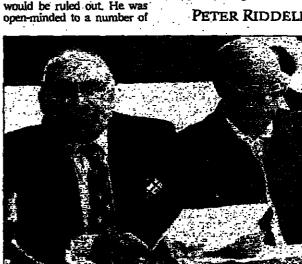
Party workers in the bar said that the paramilitary commanders had been in continuous session since Saturday, assessing their response to the IRA bomb. Hardliners in the movement are said to be pushing for retaliation. "All British citizens are British citizens, regardless of which country they live in: if the IRA wages war on British citizens, loyalists will retaliate," one man UVF said. "We will not immediately abandon our ceasefire, but we will certainly hit back if the Provo campaign escalates. If there is a full-scale IRA return to arms, we are ready to match it."

The movement's political leadership insists, however, that the paramilitaries are disciplined. "Look at 1991, when we called a partial ceasefire to allow the Brooke talks to go ahead. The IRA bombed Cookstown and Dungannon, but we did not respond; we knew we had the moral high ground," Spence

The peace process had been dealt a blow by the London bomb but it was not dead, Spence added. "One bomb does not make a war. The orus is on the nationalis community to show Sinn Fein they have no mandate to enter into a new campaign of violence."

On Sinn Fein's refusal to agree to decommissioning of weapons, however, the loyalist paramilitary attitude approaches understanding. "We would have difficulty in living with the six principles of the Mitchell Commission, as do the IRA. Loyalists are unwilling to give up their guns, so why should the IRA? It is completely unrealistic to expect decommissioning before

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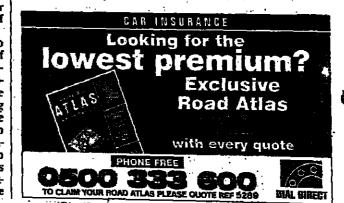


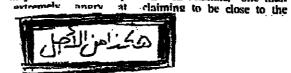
Spence, left, announcing the loyalist ceasefire in 1994. Yesterday he was advising against a return to violence

a settlement; after a settlement, it would be far simpler," Spence said.

In the Rex bar one loyalist activist said: "We are frustrated by Sinn Fein and very, very angry at the IRA. People here have become used to taking down their steel doors, and not having a heart attack at

the first sound of screeching brakes. We don't like people who put that peace at risk. But would the loyalist paramilitaries now put peace at risk themselves? Gusty Spence thought not. "Mind you, even I have to make an appointment to see the men who really matter."





Fears grow for firms as police turn away Docklands workers

By Russell Jenkin. AND Tim Jones

THOUSANDS of office workers were turned away from London Docklands by police when they arrived for work yesterday. More than one hundred firms are inside a "sterile" security zone circling the site of Friday night's IRA bomb explosion.

Commuters appeared bewildered as they saw for the first time in daylight the extent of the devastation radiating from South Quay.

Many were left unsure what to do next. Some assembled at pre-arranged points and others were told where they were being temporarily relocated. Beyond the blue and white police tapes, roads remained strewn with blasted masonry and shattered glass. Alarm bells continued to ring.

Motorists bore the brunt of the heightened state of security in the capital as police rebuilt the "ring of steel" around the City of London and

erected two roadblocks on approaches to the Isle of Dogs. Traffic was bumper to bumper through the Limehouse Link and Blackwall tunnel as cars were pulled over and drivers questioned. Security staff at Capary Wharf — where security has not been relaxed throughout the ceasefire — stopped and searched cars trying to drive

into Canary Wharf. Rail passengers faced chaos as mainline and Underground stations were plagued by security alerts. At one point Euston, Paddington and Liverpool Street stations and Holborn Underground station were all closed.

The bomb, planted under a concrete and steel railway on the DLR (Docklands Light Rail) from running beyond Canary Wharf.

The Docklands Business

offices on the edge of the blast zone could be reopened by tomorrow. That includes the Harbour Exchange complex, which houses dozens of small businesses. Big employers in the area, such as Frenchowned publisher the Builder Group, had found temporary office accommodation. Some small and medium-

size companies located inside the security cordon face a devastating interruption to their business and could go to the wall - especially those without insurance cover against terrorism. Insurance loss adjusters were yesterday working alongside engineers and armed police officers.

The business park backing on to South Quay boasts "blue chip" companies such as Accident and General and branches of Lloyd's and Midland banks. But high-rise blocks, such as the Harbour Exchange, are home to dozens of much smaller enterprises.

Those companies are the



Industrial abseiters begin the painstaking task of checking for broken and loose windows among the acres of glass surrounding South Quay

most vulnerable to interrup-tion of their commercial life, the possible loss of business and the cost of relocating offices. A few may not be insured against a terrorist bomb. The Association of British Insurers has put the cost to

lion and £150 million. That compares with the £600 million cost of the IRA bomb that devastated Bishopsgate in the City of London in 1993.

Companies servicing the devastated area, including restaurants, public houses and tial long-term problems trying to rebuild their businesses. When she arrived for work Clare Chapman, 22, an account executive for The Praca public relations company at Beaufort Court,

was waved back by police shouting: "Get out of here. This is a sterile area." She said: "It has all been pretty terrifying. We left the office at a quarter to seven on Friday night. We just missed it."

Paul Deedman, 30, from Greenwich, southeast London, could not enter the headquarters of the Radio Com-

munications Agency in South Quay 3. His offices are being relocated in Victoria. "I didn't think there was much point in cation would give us somewhere to go but I cannot do any work until I can retrieve

IRA bomb plot was initiated three weeks ago

By STEWART TENDLER AND RICHARD FORD

THE IRA started preparations for the Docklands bomb more than three weeks ago when an English vehicle's tax disc was stolen in Ulster to disguise the origins of the lorry carrying. the explosive, the Rev Ian

Paisley told MPs yesterday.

Mr Paisley, Democratic
Unionist MP for North Antrim, said that the tax disc wasused with false number plates on the IRA's lorry. The vehicle was then brought into mainland Britain on the Larne-to-Strangaer ferry. Mr. Paisley said the details had been confirmed by police to the

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Mr Paisley said that the theft showed how the IRA had plotted and premeditated the attack. In reply Mr Major said he noted the comments about Britain. Yesterday as police the tax disc and told Mr Paisley it was "very strong curreboratory evidence".

Mr Paisley's son, also Ian, the DUP's justice spokesman, said the tax disc had been taken from a second-hand, English-registered lorry on the forecourt of a car sales man's property. "It was stolen three weeks ago - before the

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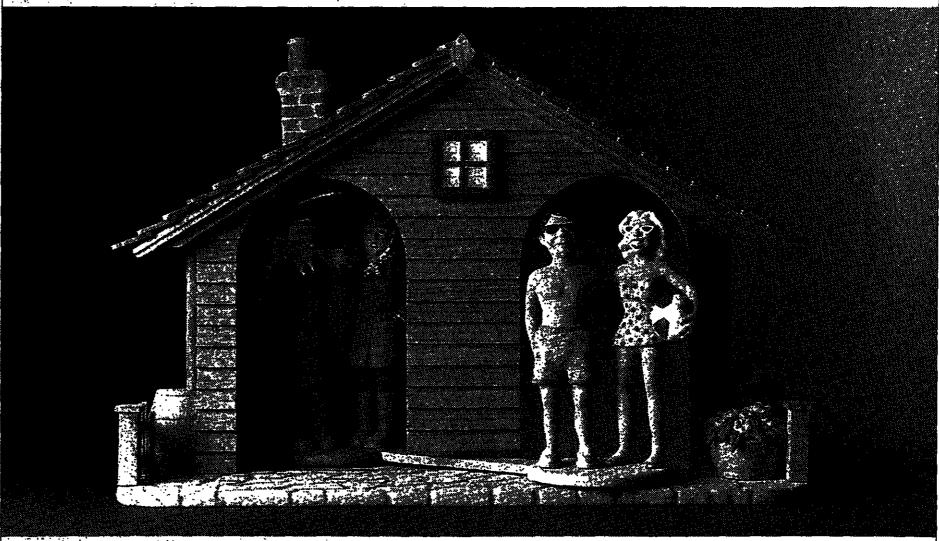
Police hope that closed cir-

cuit television cameras on main junctions, motorways and town centres may have captured the bombers.

Security managers are being urged to check cameras for pictures of the lorry being driven across London or film showing the lorry being parked in a garage British Transport Police will check videos, from trains going into London from Docklands just before the blast to see if the bombers escaped that way.

In the past 17 months Special Branch detectives and MIS officers working undercover have also seen IRA units examining targets throughout continued to search the site of the bomb blast, Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, issued an assurance to Londoners and a call for vigilance. The Yard has already drafted scores of marksmen from other duties or leave to provide extra cover for targets considered to be at possible risk.

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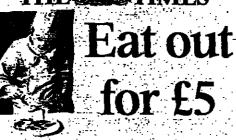


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Tourists destroy resting place of Scottish kings

Political pilgrims face ban from John Smith's grave

TOURISTS and political pilgrims may be banned from the graveside of the former Labour leader John Smith on the Hebridean island of Iona. Trustees at the island's 13th-century abbey have applied for permission to build a wall round the ancient burial ground.

The resting place of Scot-land's first kings is being destroyed by the number of people who go to the island each month to pay their re-spects to the politician. One grave has caved in under the

weight. The wall would be constructed from stone and would allow access to the graves only for the Ionian community and relatives of the dead. Residents, who number fewer than 100, fear that the 12-metre wall will take up too much space. Argyll and Bute District Council's planning committee will consider the proposal on Thursday. It will also examine a plan to install a



John Smith is buried on the island of Iona, which has seen an unprecedented invasion of visitors

cast-iron gate, bearing a picture of Mr Smith's grave. The former MP for Monklands East died in May 1994.

Evelyn MacPhail, the chairwoman of Iona Community Council, said: "People just don't have any respect. They literally trample over people's graves to see John Smith's final resting place.
"None of us realised the

interest in John Smith's grave would have gone on so long. MULL

They even bring coach parties here to see it. Something has to be done to protect the site. It used to be a tranquil and peaceful place. I don't go near

Makeshift railings that were put up last summer proved ineffective - sightseers merely clambered over them. A gravel path may be laid to stop people walking across the grass to the site of Scotland's earliest Christian settlement.

now in the tourist season."

pilgrims have turned the site into a virtual quagmire.

tion asked on the island is "Where is John Smith's grave?". In the past, the question was "Where are the Scottish kings buried?". The original decision to grant Mr Smith, a mainlander, a plot in a cemetery normally reserved for islanders and their descendants was criticised by local people. Mr Smith's family was given special permission for burial only because he was: raised in Argyll and was the leader of a major political Mr Smith's widow, Eliza-

beth, supports the proposal for a wall and has urged tourists to be more respectful. If the plan is adopted on Thursday, the family will be able to reach the grave through a private prefer a temporary fence which could be removed if, and when, public interest in Smith's



Burning bright: keeper Caroline Connor with her feisty new charge yesterday

New tiger cub comes up to scratch

LONDON Zoo's newest tiger is no pussy cat. The male Sumatran tiger cub, which made its first public appearing quite a handful.

Caroline Connor, 20, the keeper who has been a surrogate mother to the cubsince its birth three weeks ago after its mother Mira was unable to suckle it, said: "He's no pushover, this one. He likes to get his own way." The cub is already getting through nearly half a litre of milk a day and is well on the way to his father's daily ration of 10th of beef.

Miss Connor said: "He's got quite a temper. He just doesn't know what to do with

The cub, which will be reeting visitors at the zoo in legent's Park from today, is one of only 250 Sumatran tigers in captivity. There are fewer than 600 left in the wild. The cub will be named

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Bypass protesters ransack offices of building firm

THE offices of a construction company were ransacked yesterday by a group protesting against the Newbury bypass. The raid, by about 50 cammated at thousands of pounds and was the most violent lemonstration so far.

Friends of the Earth, which is co-ordinating the auti-by-pass movement, distanced itself from the attack at the came in through a window offices of Tarmac Roadstene

was poured on computers files were rifled, a fire extinguisher was thrown through a window and telephones and fax machines were damaged.

Malcolar Whittle, managing director of the company, described the attack as "terrorism" and said his emple feared for their safety. He said: "I have nothing against peaceful protest but what has happened here was not the work of environmentalists — it was simply vandalism. My staff were very worried because the behaviour was

very threatening."
Some of those involved are believed to have arrived in Newbury at the weekend to take part in a rally that attracted 4,000 people. They turned their attention to the offices because there was no

work on the bypass yesterday while guards took part in a training exercise.

Tarmac has been named by Friends of the Earth as one of six companies bidding to build the bypass, although the Newbory office is part of its quarrying operation. were an easy target. Mr Whittle said: We bolted the front and back doors but they

the protesters. Teny Juniper, deputy campaigns director for Friends of the Earth, blamed outsiders. "I think a lot of them were just down for the day. I think they were frustrated because there was no work today. We will work with anybody as long as it remains peaceful, It is a shame."
Theo Simon, speaking from

the office of the Third Battle of Newbury protest group, said there could be further aggressive action: "I don't think firms like Tarmac understand any other language and they have got to be hit where it hurts," he said. "They are motivated only by profit. Computers and faxes can easily be replaced but the English landscape is irreplaceable. There is going to be more of it."

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Venables action is adjourned until after Euro 96

By A STAFF REPORTER

TERRY VENABLES, the England football team's coach, won an adjournment of legal action against him yesterday after his lawyers argued that he needed to concentrate on the European championship.

The adjournment until July

15 of a High Court action by the Department of Trade and Industry — which is trying to ban Mr Venables from acting as a company director - was granted after Mr Registrar Rawson read a letter from the Football Association pleading for Mr Venables to be given the chance to get on with his

Ian Burton, Mr Venables's solicitor, said outside court that even when the case returned to court, the amount of work needed to prepare the action would mean that it would not begin this year.

However, Mr Venables is still facing two other actions that he may be unable to postpone until 1997 - a libel case brought by Alan Sugar, chairman of Tottenham Hotspur plc, and a claim for allegedly unpaid fees by Bryan Fugler, Mr Venables's for-

If the Department of Trade and Industry is successful in



Venables: allowed to concentrate on England

its action, Mr Venables will be barred from administering, forming or managing a company, or being manager of acompany's property, for up to

But Mr Burton, speaking after the case had been adjourned, said: "The worst thing that could happen to him would be that he would not be able to run a limited company, but he could still Operate as a partner of a firm. He could still own a football club if it was not a limited

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He denies all the DTI allegations and will most definitely be fighting the case." Mark Cunningham, representing the department, said at the hearing in the Com-panies Court that the allegations related to Mr Venables's conduct as a director of Scribes West, a London-drinking club: Edennote: Tottenham Hotspur ple and Tottenham Hotspur Rootball

and Athletic Club.



Hillary Clinton's love of secrecy led to sea of troubles

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS President Clinton launches his re-election campaign, he and his wife have swapped roles. In 1992, Hillary Clinton had to defend him against charges of adultery. This year she is the one in trouble, and Mr Clinton is having to defend her against a plethora of

Whitewater charges. Campaign officials reject the idea that Mrs Clinton has become a political liability for her husband. They say she is in huge demand and has a passionate following. Certainly there are many Americans; particularly women, who regard her as a latter-day Joan of Arc pilloried by reactionaries for daring to abandon the First Lady's traditionally passive role, but these supporters were mostly hardcore Demo-

Among the broader electorate, the picture is far less comforting. Polls suggest she is the least popular First Lady since polling began and that most Americans believe she is

ransacks

Venable

The eventual Republican presidential nominee would risk a tremendous backlash if he attacked her directly, but probably he would not need to. Mrs Clinton is now engraved in the public mind as the first President's wife ever subpoensed to appear before a grand jury, the woman who turned \$1,000 into \$100,000 on the high-risk commodities

market with help from wellplaced friends, and the First Lady who dismissed seven long serving members of the White House travel office to help cronies who coveted its

business.
Mrs Clinton is barely recognisable as the smart, ambitious, idealistic lawyer who arrived in Washington wanting to change the world and was swiftly dubbed "Saint Hillary". She still wields great power behind the scenes, but in public, instead of trying to revamp the nation's giant healthcare system, she sticks to safe issues, such as women and children's welfare.

She labours to soften her image. She is said to be deeply distressed at what has happened to her and even to weep n private from sheer frustration, but a long Washington Post analysis last Sunday blamed her downfall squarely on her own shortcomings.

The Post argued that Mrs Clinton's troubles stemmed from the fact that she arrived in the capital steeped in suspicion of the Washington culture and divided everyone into friends or foes.

That was why she sought to confine the White House press corps to the briefing room, incurring the media's hostility, and why she brought in so many Arkansas friends who subsequently became disas-

ters. It was why she insisted subpoenas.

> Post he "strongly, strongly" believed that much of this would never have happened" had the Clintons just dis-gorged all this stuff and let the press have a few field days. American newspapers have fastidiously skirted the question of what would happen if, as is just conceivable. Mr Starr brought charges against Mrs Clinton. Could her husband continue seeking reelection in such circum

stances, and how many

Americans would vote for a

President whose wife was

awaitine trial?

on drawing up her healthcare reforms in such secrecy.

Mrs Clinton did not consult Republicans, solicited little outside advice, and simply unleashed the hugely ambitious plan as an all-or-nothing proposition. It proved far too liberal and bureaucratic for America's tastes, as most Washington veterans would have told her. It was rejected by Congress and was a major cause of the Democrats' humiliation in the 1994 congressional elections.

The same obsession with secrecy has proved catastrophic in the Whitewater affair. although she did agree to a television interview last month with Barbara Walters about the controversies surrounding her. Nevertheless, from the outset the First Lady resisted full disclosure of relevant documents, arguing that "the press will take them and twist it and put it in the worst possible light and it will give

our enemies ammunition".
The result is that the White House has been forced to release documents in drips and drabs, sometimes under threat of subpoena. Mrs Clinton's aides and friends have risked perjury by claiming ing congressional evidence.

The appearance of a coverup became so strong that Ken-neth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, took the unprecedented step last month of issuing the First Lady and several of her team with

David Gergen, Mr Chinton's former media adviser, told the take in different strategies."

> written for USA Today, Mr Kasparov said that, had he been playing the same game against "a very strong hu-



Kasparov gets measure of the monster

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE world chess champion Garry Kasparov spent yesterday with advisers after squaring the score in his six-game match with IBM's Deep Blue computer. After levelling the series at one game each. Mr Kasparov said he had the measure of the machine he calls "the monster".

On the first rest day in the \$500,000 (£326,000) match in Philadelphia, Mr Kasparov said that he used human guile. "I tested the computer subtly, giving it chances to act like a machine and trade short-term advantages for long-term weaknesses," he said. IBM experts spent the day feeding new information into Deep Blue, crouched over their key boards like mechanics in the pits. C.J. Tan, leader of the scientific team, said: "We hope we can adjust Deep Blue to

In a match commentary

man", he probably would have had to settle for a draw. "But I simply understood the way the computer did not. Its computational power was not enough to overcome my experience and intuitive appreciation of where the pieces should go." Specifically, he said that on move 19 in the second game, Deep Blue took one of Deep Blue, which can consid-his pawns, thus saddling itself er 50 billion moves in three

with "permanent problems on the king side". His remarks will be welcomed by those who believe that the match goes further than mere chess, presenting a challenge to mankind's sovereignty. Mr Kasparov has spoken of his mission to defend "human dignity". However, the champion accepted that Deep Blue, which can considminutes, is vastly stronger than anything ever built be-fore, and that "in certain kinds of position it sees so deeply that it plays like God". Mr Tan disagreed with Mr Kasparov's comments about

Deep Blue's fallibility, saying: "I am not sure Garry really understands the computer." The scientists have been refreshingly candid in their

of Saturday's win they responded gloomily to Sunday night's defeat, and the technician who sat across the board from Mr Kasparov to enact Deep Blue's commands wore a long face when the computer resigned after 73 moves and six hours of play.

The third game begins

Pioneer computer to be given kiss of life

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

THE Model T Ford of computers will be switched on tomorrow for the first time in 40 years. Experts hope it will cough into life, but they are

Eniac, a 30-tonne machine signed by the US Army to help artillery calculations during the Second World War, will be reactivated by Al Gore, Vice-President, at the

will mark the fiftieth anniversary of its public unveiling.

Eniac stands for "electronic numerical integrater and computer, the long-winded name given it by scientists who created it to quicken the process of computing trajectories for artillery shells. The job was previously done on paper and mechanical calcu-

lators by female clerks. Owing to the ravages

the machine will be turned on. Eniac originally drank 174 kilowatts and used 17,468 vacuum tubes, 70,000 resistors, 10,000 capacitors and 6.000 switches. For this investment, it delivered a ballistic trajectory in 30 seconds. When Mr Gore presses the

time and its huge electrical

demands, only certain parts of

button, originally used by General Gladeon Barnes, lights are expected to blink

should appearon the display. "Eniac was arguably the machine that sparked the information revolution," said a university staffer. "It was the first large-scale, general purpose electronic computer." Eniac could add 5,000 numbers in a second. A modern personal computer with a standard Intel Pentium personal computer brain does 70

million. It is also smaller.

and the numbers 46 and 96

Walkabouts take a tumble as Iowa hopefuls exploit electronic media

es have enjoyed an emraordinary place in the American political calendar, an influence long defended by those who believe the state acts as the nation's living room in its choice of President

Hillary Clinton, left, with Barbara Walters

But this year the walkabouts, discussion of issues in rural farmsteads and the "retail politics" which have dominated the process throughout its 24-year history have seemingly vanished under a welter of highly expensive political

As voters attended 2,142 precinct caucuses last night to decide their choice for the Republican nomination, there was a strong sense that both lowa and the successive primary in New Hampshire next. week may have lost for ever an image as last redoubts of grassroots campaigning. The age of electronic media and the Internet has arrived and America's living room, it seems, is now the property of

Promotions for pesticides and pork produce had finally returned to the state's screens the previous day after six

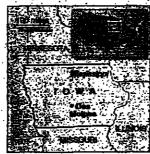
a Republican advertising blitz that is hastening the demise of "retail politics", where rivals meet grassroots supporters

Republican politicians. They had started much earlier, ranmore frequently and were more unpleasant than had ever been witnessed by the Midwest. On a typical day. viewers of one station in Des Moines had been subjected to as many as 80 campaign

\$60,000

certain amount of retail politicking had taken place in Iowa, it had been far less prominent than in previous years. "Unfortunately, most lowans have touched the candidates through the television screen," he said. "The levels of

advertising have been unpre-



and his vast fortune. In the final quarter of last year, the publishing scion spent \$10 million on television and radio commercials, most of them in lowa and New Hampshire. While advertising alone had

not been responsible for his rapid rise in the polls - many in the electorate favour his simple code for a flat tax and anti-Washington rhetoric - it has nevertheless proved that a candidate need not necessarily meet the people to gain name recognition. in the final days in Iowa, Mr Forbes had broadcast a half-hour film of himself, Steve Forbes, A True Vision, An Honest Voice, no less than 21 times.

Experts have said that the Forbes money-machine in Iowa and New Hampshire is more of a symptom than a cause of change. This may be the nail in the coffin for retail politics, there is no doubt about that," said Steve Lombardo, a Republican polister, "but Steve Forbes didn't do it. Forbes has just accelerared the movement of these states into the 21st century.

to have been the entry into the 1996 campaign of Mr Forbes Tom Rhodes reports from Des Moines on

months in which regular commercial breaks had offered little other than the faces of

advertisements. At KCCI television alone candidates had spent \$850,000

(£566,660), three times the cost campaign advertisements at this Des Moines station at the last caucuses in 1988. Steve Forbes, the multi-millionaire publisher, and Senator Robert Dole each spent \$250,000, while Pat Buchanan, the conservative commentator, spent Dave Busiek, the station's

news editor, said that, while a

The most obvious answer to the question of why this year has been so different appears

Dump is hot tip for New York tourists

By QUENTIN LETTS

A NEW tourist attraction has opened in New York: the municipal rubbish tip. Two-hour guided tours of Staten Island's "Fresh Kills" dump are being offered to school parties, foreign dignitaries and visitors.

As one would expect of New York, it is the largest waste dump in the world. Fresh Kills, a name which

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dates back to the earliest settlers, is 3,000 acres of putrid household waste. The city's sanitation department is confident that despite the eye-watering stink, the occa-sional rat and the many bombarding seagulis, it will become a "must see" item on toppist itmeraries.

to proclaim the scientific wonders of the dump, which last year accommodated 7.9 billion pounds of rubbis On their guided tours, visitors will learn about waste management methods, the 103 barges which deliver rubhish around the clock, and the underground pipes which take the accumulating meth-

Brochures and maps will be placed in tourist bureaus tourist scheme

ane to a nearby gas plant. "We do recommend that wear comfortable shoes and bring a hat or an

umbrella," Lucian Chalfen, a dump spokesman, said. "We have many seagulls here and they have pretty good aim."

During pre-launch trials, tourist business was brisk. School groups left with a greater understanding of the amount of rubbish discarded

by man, and civic leaders

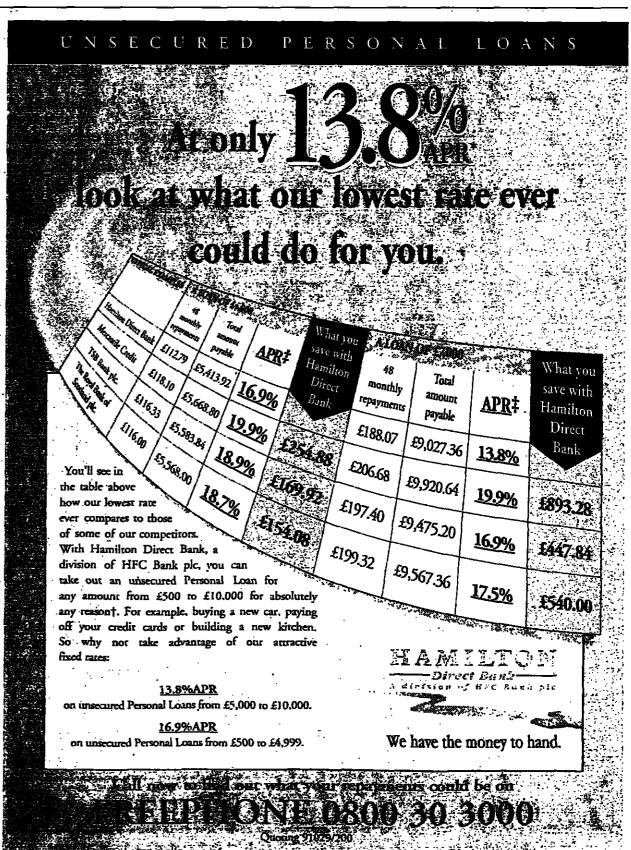
from Europe and Asia were impressed by the daily sprin-kling of deodorant, non-toxic The guided tours are given by selected members of the dump's 500 strong workforce. Previously neglected, the rubbish disposal crews are said to be delighted by the

Burying garbage is not high on the list of many people's career choices," Mr Chalfen conceded yesterday. The tours will show the world rubbish dump toiler than holding your nose and showelling trash. Describing the careful process of layering rubbish and soil, Mr Chalfen said: "It's like making a lasagna." Fresh Kills has sted New York's household rubbish since 1948 and is now the only solid landfill left in the city.

J.F. Kennedy Airport had to

close owing to the preponderance of scagulis and the anger they posed to jets. Parts of New York have been built on former waste dumps, including the southern tip of Manhattan and the celebrated Rikers Island jail. Any prisoner trying to tunnel out of Rikers is in for a rotten surprise.No charge is made for the Fresh Kills tours, and visitors are encouraged to

take away souvenirs.



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French bishops defy papal line on condom use

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE Roman Catholic Church in France acknowledged for the first time yesterday that condoms could be necessary to prevent the spread of Aids.

Many competent doctors state that a reliable condom is today the only means of prenecessary," the French Bishops Conference said in a report released yesterday. The panel said that using

condoms was not a substitute for adult sexual eduction, but added that their use was "understandable in cases where a person who already engages in sexual activity needs to avoid serious risk". That principle contrasts with the Pope's insistence that

sexual self-control is the only morally acceptable way to In a sex education guide issued two months ago, the Vatican condemned the idea of

"safe sex" or "safer sex" as based on the illusory theory that a condom can provide sufficient protection against

The guide said: "Parents

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

IN PARIS

THE veteran singer and ac-

tress Tina Turner was made a

Knight of the Order of Arts

and Letters yesterday by the French Culture Ministry.

fellow Americans, Sylvester

Stallone, Paul Newman and

Sharon Stone, in receiving

France's highest arts honour.

amid increasing fears that the

country is gradually being

swamped by Anglo-American

At a Hollywood-style cere-mony in the Palais de Congrès

in Paris last night, Ms Turner

sang the theme tune from

Goldeneye, the James Bond

film that has proved a box-

office hit in France. "She has

popular culture.

Ms Turner, 56, joins her

side marriage and fidelity within marriage as the only true and reliable education to avoid infection."

Mgr Jacques Gaillot, the outspoken former bishop of Evreux in Normandy, was ousted by the Vatican last year for openly promoting the use of condoms to prevent the spread of Aids. He has since set up his own "virtual dioon the computer Internet. Several other French bishops have cautiously sup-

ported the use of condoms

Yesterday's report by the French Bishops Social Commission, however, marked the first time that the Roman Catholic Church in France has as a body officially recognised that condoms can save lives, although it added: "In advising young people to use condoms rather than help them understand their sexual identities, we make them prisoners

of their sexual drives." The statement, the fruit of six months' consultation between a panel of bishops and medical experts, makes no reference to the Pope's statements on the subject of Aids

France honours Tina Turner

Turner: lives in France

and speaks the language

Doherty, Ms Turner's publi-

Turner with the award is sure

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entitled Aids: Society in Question, the commission said it was regrettable that church statements on the issue had left it open to charges of promoting death, while noting that the use of condoms was partly responsible for the epidemic's slowing growth rate in

Public health officials support the use" of condoms, the commission's president, Mgr Albert Rouet, Bishop of Poitiers, wrote. The Church, tending towards opposition, has seen itself accused of working for death."

Luc Montagnier, the French researcher who first isolated the Aids virus, hailed the report as an important development, but added: "I do not think John Paul II will change

Various French medical groups, including the Catholic Committee of French Doctors. also said the statement would help to clarify a hitherto ambiguous situation. "The word 'condom' is no longer taboo for the Church," Marc Gentilini, head of the doctors' committee, told the daily

France is being inundated by "Anglo-Saxon" entertainment.

Some have argued that the

award is becoming merely

another international show-

business perk, while others

say that by honouring so

many American entertainers,

the Government is contradict-

ing its pledge to defend home-

grown French talent against

force in France requiring

radio stations to ensure that at

least two-fifths of pop songs

Ms Turner lives in Cap

Ferrat and, unlike Ms Stone,

who cannot speak a word of French and whose award last

October was derided by the

press, the American singer is

reported to have grasped the

broadcast are in French.

Last month a law came into

the foreign invasion.

His credentials depend not only on his aerial marksmanship, but also on his readiness to stand up to Hermann Goering, the head of the Luftwaffe. He caught the attention of the Nazi leadership when he started to shoot down dozens of aircraft in the Polish and French campaigns, as well as during the Battle of Britain.

on the ground or at sea.

tion his death.

Even so, most newspapers

yesterday neglected to men-

German

fighter

ace dies

aged 83

FROM ROGER BOYES

IN BONN

Douglas Rader

By 1942, at the age of 30, he had become the youngest major-general in the army or air force. He was put in charge of Germany's fighter aircraft effort and refused to be drawn into ideological infighting.
Both Hitler and Goering

were highly critical of the way Galland's fighters were de ployed against the Allied bombers in their daytime raids over Germany. Goering told Galland in October 1943: The fighter wing has lost its standing, it is fighting in a lousy fashion. The Führer has lost his faith in your fighters. you see the enemy, I will



Major-General Adolf Galland, who was known during the Second World War as the Flying Dandy because of his smart appearance and pencil-thin moustache

order my flak to shoot your cowardly cripples out of the

Galland and other fighter aces promptly sent back some of their medals in protest. The major-general, who was full of praise for Allied bomber aircraft design, followed Goering's advice and concentrated huge numbers of fighters to respond to Allied raids. The fighters would attack, refuel

and attack again. Galland's contempt for Goering remained, however, and he became part of a group of Luftwaffe officers who, towards the end of the war. openly criticised the manage ment of the war effort. He found himself in direct conflict with Hitler when the German leader ordered the conversion of the new Me262s into bombers.

Galland said that the Me262s were unbeatable fighters "For the Mosquito bombers, however, the Me-262s lost their main assets of

speed and flexibility. For a while Galland was put under house arrest, but in March 1945 Hitler placed him in charge of the Me262 Somadron. The war was lost but Galland argued: "It would have been dishonourable to possess the best

Galland was a prisoner of war until April 1947 and he then became a consultant to

the Argentine Air Force: However, the way back into the reconstituted German Air Force was blocked by its founder, Josef Kammhuber, an old rival. Instead Galland opened up a successful aero space consultancy and wrote his memoirs, which sold more than two million copies. 🗈 Daris Bernard Delhon War veteran and probably the country's oldest man; has died at the age of 110. AFP)



Galland, left, with Douglas Bader, who was shot down by the German pilot's squadron and held as a prisoner

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FROM RICHARD BERSTON IN MOSCOW

ONE of President Yeltsin's closest former advisers has resigned as Moscow's envoy to the Vatican after calling the Russian leader a powerhungry monarch and publishing damaging details about intrigue inside the Kremlin.

Vyacheslav Kostikov, who served for three years as the presidential spokesman. handed his resignation letter to the Russian Foreign Ministry after he was given a public dressing down and recalled from Rome in disgrace last

The balding and combative former press chief outraged the Kremlin when he published excerpts from his memours. Parting with the President, and went on tele-vision to criticise his former boss and the men who run

In the book Mr Kostikov describes how the Kremlin is run by a small clique of shadowy figures, how the offices and telephones of all employees are bugged by for-mer KGB agents and how President Yeltsin has become removed from the day-to-day running of Russia's highest

Grigori Karasin, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said:

"An ambassador represents serves in his position it is wrong and inadmissible for

Although furious Kremlin aides would like to punish Mr Kostikov by accepting his resignation, they will have to judge carefully if he is more dangerous inside or outside government service. Mr Yeltsin, who is expected to announce on Thursday his intention to seek re-election, is



Kostikov: Yeltsin "is a power-hungry monarch"

trying to rebuild his public his country, and as long as he image and cannot afford any negative publicity at this critical point in his campaign. If him to make negative remarks Mr Kostikov leaves governabout the leadership of his ment service he will be free to own country. This is a violagive as many interviews as he tion of professional rules and likes and to revise his "kiss" and tell" account, which is likely to become an overnight

estseller. In an interview with Itogi, the weekly current affairs programme, which has been broadcast for two weeks in succession. Mr Kostikov painted a highly unflattering picture of Russia's highest office, with policies made by a group of sycophantic cronies and where the head of state had become an enterprise the had become an emperor with

no clothes.

Mr Yelisin was portrayed as a vain and ideologically bank-rupt leader who regarded power as his friend, his concubine, his mistress, his

passion". Mr Kostikov said: "It is a terrible thing when a man convinces himself he is great. irreplaceable and powerful Maybe he is powerful, but he should not say it himself and allow others to say it. This system of converting the President into a monarch is, of course, very dangerous."



Deal 'ends crisis in Bosnia'

Sarajevo: Richard Holbrooke, the American diplomat who brokered the Bosnian peace plan, announced yesterday that the peace process was back on track after reaching a compromise over the deten-tion of suspected war criminals (Stacy Sullivan writes).

After a flurry of shuttle

diplomacy between Zagreb, Belgrade and Sarajevo, Mr Holbrooke said all parties had agreed that the Bosnian Government would submit a list of suspects to the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal for screening before it tries to arrest them.

Last week, the Dayton deal nearly collapsed when the Bosman Serbs said they were breaking off all ties with the Nato peace implementation force and the Bosnian Government in retaliation for the arrest on suspicion of war crimes of two Serb officers and at least eight other soldiers. Mr Holbrooke said the com-

promise would preserve freedom of movement and bolster the Dayton commitment to prosecute those who had committed war crimes. It is not certain, however, that Bosnian Serb military leaders will go along with the plan. "We have received mixed messages," a Nato spokesman said.

Bomb found in Colombo

Colombo: A lorry packed with 266lb of explosives was made safe a mile from the cricket stadium in Colombo where a joint India-Pakistan team is due to play Sri Lanka today, police said. The match is being staged as a consolation for taps who were to have seen Australia and the West Indies compete in the World Cun. Both teams are staying away ecause of a bomb last month n Colombo in which 87 people were killed and 1400

second went on the rampage and killed at least 30 evillans after Tamil Tiger guerillas shot dead two soldiers. The military said, however, that only one civilian, a 12-year-old child, was killed in crossfire after the ambush. Pro-government Tamil legislators said the latest attack would boost Tigers. World Cup, page 44

Arafat takes oath of office

Gaza City: Yassir Arafat yes-terday took the oath of office as the first elected Palestinian President. With his right hand on the Koran. Mr Arafat told a gathering in the hall that will soon house the 88-member Palestinian Legislative Coun-cil: "I swear before God that I will be sincere to the country law and interests of the Pales-

tinian people."

The brief, hastily-organised ceremony came after elections last month in which Mr Arafat won 87 per cent of the vote (AFP)

Tunnel blast fails to free victims

Tokyo: A second attempt to free twenty people trapped in a tunnel in Hokkaido by dynamiting a huge boulder failed (Peregrine Hodson writes). Hopes have faded that any survivors will be found. Saburo Okabe, the minister for Hokkaido, turned up 48 hours after the disaster, to be greeted by irate relatives who asked why he had taken so long. The Government's tardiness has been compared with that after the Kobe earthquake in January 1995.

Culture bandits plunder Rome's heritage

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

AN EMBARRASSED Minister of Culture admitted yesterday that Italy is losing valuable works of art to thieves at the rate of 30,000 a

Antonio Paolucci said the

latest aucient monument to be plundered was the Baths of Caracalla in Rome, where thieves have made off with a stone column weighing three tonnes. The baths, not far from the Colosseum, functioned for about 300 years from 217 until they were vandalised by the Goths. The ruin is used nowadays for caravagant open-air opera

Signor Paolucci said the valuable works are kept in baths, like many other ancient monuments in Italy, were guarded by day but not night. He conceded that this did not explain how an entire Roman column had been removed, but added: "Even if we were to put the whole of the Italian Army and all the carabinieri standing guard over every column and every art object, it would still not be enough."

Plunder is not a new phenomenon in Italy, many houses and churches in Rome are built with the masonry of ancient buildmgs. However, modern Italy has 3,500 museums and more than 2.000 archaeological productions such as the sites and only 9,000 custodi-Three Tenors concert in 1990. ans to guard them Many

unlocked churches, and it is not uncommon to enter a neral church only to find an curtained off space where according to the guidebook a Renaissance painting should be hanging.

According to Colonel Roberto Conforti, the head of

the carabinieri unit which monitors art thefts, the stolen objects find their way to the homes of the "new rich" as status symbols.

. Art experts attribute the mismanagement of Italy's treasure house of art not only to lack of funding, but also to a 1970 decision to remove control of cultural sites from local authorities - which were the proud inheritors of the old city states from which Italy was formed - and to centralise it in Rome. As a result, art galleries such as the Uffizi in Florence (damaged by a terrorist bomb attack three years ago). cannot cope with the huge numbers of visitors who converge on them every year.



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Juppé hints that single currency may be delayed

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

ALAIN JUPPE the French Prime Minister, yesterday ruled out the possibility of France and Germany going it alone with a merged currency and hinted that economic and monetary union would have to be rescheduled if others fail to make the grade by 1999.

Speaking after a morning of talks with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, M. Juppé also made clear that he thought Britain would sign up for the single currency.

Most of the French Prime

Minister's visit seems to have been devoted to the power of positive thinking on monetary union. "I am not here to spread the message of scepti-cism or despair," he said,

The French franc was stronger than ever, he said, inflation was lower even than that recorded in the official statistics and the budget deficit had been slashed to a little less than 5 per cent of gross domestic product. The assumption had to be, he said, that France would meet the Maastricht entry criteria.

However, apart from cheerleading for the French economy - still necessary in Bonn, where some economists are convinced that the French cannot make the 1999 target -the Prime Minister was cleary preparing for a rethink on the timetable for monetary union. The Maastricht treaty is very clear: a sufficient

number of countries must be ready and willing in 1999 to take part in the union. If that is not the case, there should be date." he said.

The Germans will not be happy to hear this. Wolfgang Schauble, the Christian Democrat parliamentary leader, has been retracting similar thoughts expressed over the past week, apparently under pressure from Herr Kohl not to open an loophole that carr

6It cannot be that France goes it alone with Germany. Others will join us, even the sceptical?

be exploited by monetary union sceptics. Earlier, in a German ewspaper interview. M Juppé tried to quash the idea of postponement. "If we started by postponing the date for a year, someone would say why not two years and then it will be 2010 and nothing will have been done. I believe we should stick to our goals."

Despite this confidence, the prospect of failure crept back into M Juppé's public statements. He was adacould not be constructed solely by France and Germany, despite speculation that the two were planning to merge their

"It cannot be the case that France goes it alone with Germany," he said. "I'm certain that other countries will join us, even those who presently seem very sceptical."

Later, talking to French reporters, M Juppe made

clear that he was talking about Britain. Indeed, in his interview with Die Welt yesterday, M Juppe mocked the British position. "You have to take with a pinch of salt the supposedly objective analysis of our British friends in such situations," he said. "They are after all in a very comfortable position. They forecast a failtire of European monetary union. But if it happens any way, then I am sure they will

try to jump on the train."
Oddly, M Juppe did not hold a joint news conference with Herr Kohl. The German leader clearly believes that the big common Franco-German initiatives should be announced only with President Chirac. The meeting covered many issues apart from monetary union, however, and according to German and French diplomats, showed a considerable degree of policy co-ordination. For example:

☐ M Juppe will be travelling

Kohl will follow at the weekend. Both will be trying to procurement industry.

However, Herr Kohl make Russia a member of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations, before

The French seem to be edging closer to a fuller acceptance of the Schengen borders agreement. The French and Germans agree that Dutch action on drug smuggling may well soon lead to border relaxations.

the Russian presidential elec-

☐ Germany and France are to

agency in Bonn as the nucleus of a future European defence ency in Bonn as the nucleus

Alain Juppé, left, and Helmut Kohl before their meeting yesterday

perhaps remembering the frequent friction between Klaus Kinkel, his Foreign Minister, and M Juppé when he was the French Foreign Minister still appears to be somewhat wary of the Prime Minister.

Diplomats say M Juppé spent an unusual amount of time expounding French ideas for ending national military service. Herr Kohl wanted to

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professional French Army and is plainly uneasy about the implications for the German Army, which has been wedded for fifty years to the model of a

conscript force. ☐ Bank bid: The Bank of England may enter the race to design Europe's new bank notes, although the Government has not committed Britain to a single currency. The bank confirmed last night that it was considering submitting designs for the euro.

MEPs push for controls on TV and Internet

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

MONTHS after European Union governments disposed of French-led attempts to fight the influence of Hollywood entertainment, the European Parliament will try tomorrow to re-impose quotas on tele-vision and fix controls on the

The Parliament's dominant Socialist bloc - including dozens of British Labour MEPs — has a reasonable chance of blocking last year's agreement. This would force broadcasters to transmit a minimum of 51 per cent of

home-grown programmes.

The broadcasting and recording industries are more alarmed over attempts to extend quotas and controls to socalled multimedia services. not yet in existence, which will be transmitted by telephone line, cable and on the Internet. The controls are backed by France, which has been fighting a losing battle for the past six years to preserve the "European cultural identity".

With American films representing 82 per cent of those on show in Europe, the native industry needs protection, say the French and the Euro-Socialists. The Internet, according to the Gaullist administration of President Chirac, represents the latest and most sinister example of American "cultural imperialism". Philippe Douste-Blazy, the Culture Minister, last week lamented the fact that 90 per cent of the Internet was in English and that typing in "Bonaparte" or "de Gaulle" Leading article, page 15 | brought him responses only

A coalition of 40 organ isations from the European broadcasting and recording industries is attempting to dissuade MEPs from legislat

from data banks in the Unite

ing on television and the try. Applying broadcastin rules to planned services suc as video-on-dernand, tele shipping and electronic information would cripple Europe's attempts to compete

in the world, the group said. The Socialist-led moves an being fought by the smalle: conservative bloc, headed by the European People's Party It says new restrictions will trigger battles with the United States and stifle the emerging multimedia industry.

Roy Perry, the British Conservative MEP responsible for the media, has charged the Left with trying to foist high-brow French films on a reluc tant European public. "Even Neighbours would get the red card," he said. It was not clear how many, if any, of the Socialist amendments to the broadcasting directive will survive voting tomorrow. Under the EU's near-impene trable system of legislation, the Parliament's reworking of the directive will be returned to Culture Ministers for further action. Since France leads a tiny minority of members favouring quotas, the governments are unlikely to accept the Parliament's stronger demands. This would leave the existing relatively mild regime



Depardieur in favour

French women prefer a couch potato to Adonis

By BEN MACINITYRE

THE traditional French male lover - he of the perfect body, high-flying career and taste for romantic gestures - is out of vogue, according to surveys which show that most French women would prefer to curl up with a homely and amusing

A poll conducted by Harleguin, a Prench publishing figm, found that Trust 1 per cent of women regard ambition as an attractive quality, while only 2 per cent feel that "the Greek god physique" is a prerequisite for a lover. A sense of humour

was consistently rated higher than professional success, while reliabil-ity and a "heart of gold" were placed above seductiveness and chest hair in the list of manly qualities.

The couch potato or patate de canapé has become part of the French language and the survey found that women rate highly men who take their leisure seriously. The news will come as a blow to those Frenchmen who have spent years aspiring to be an Eric Cantona or Brad Pitt when they could have remained a portly Gérard Depardicu or Philippe Noiret. The intellectual, once the most

also fallen from favour. According to another survey by IFOP, to coincide with Valentine's Day, 13 per cent of French women regard intellectual distinction as an attractive characteristic. A shared taste in television programmes will do just fine.

On the other hand, it may come as a relief to the ardent French male to discover that he is no longer required to swim the Seine or write extravagant love poetry to gain approval: The IFOP poll found that a bunch of flowers or a dinner invitation is all that is expected. "In love, the French lack imaginaParisien newspaper as it mourned the passing of the demonstrative French lover. "Where have they gone, the Don Juans ready to walk a tightrope across the abyss just to impress us?

Even adultery, so long a hallowed French institution, has become passé, particularly among the younger generation. The IFOP poll found that although infidelity remains popular among the middle-aged, nearly half of those aged 18 to 34 regard adultery as "scandalous".

Before he abandons Proust the aspiring French Romeo must adall. While French men cited three French women as the most attractive (Sophie Marceau, Emmanuelle Béart and Isabelle Adjani), the top men chosen by French women were Paul Newman, Robert Redford and Kevin Costner - all American film

As his fellow patate de canapé melts into his arms in front of the small screen, the amorous Frenchman might reflect is that true love beating in her breast, or merely the hope that, if she watches for long enough, the man of her dreams may

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Cantona: little appeal

Britain expels Pakistani over nuclear shipment

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

BRITAIN yesterday ordered the deportation of an employee of the Pakistan High Commission, who has been accused of attempting to supply equipment for Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme. Michael Howard, the Home

Secretary, served a deportation notice on Mohammad Saleem, after a warning was given to the High Commission last Friday that he would no longer be recognised as a member of staff. The Home Office said in a brief statement yesterday that Mr Saleem's presence in Britain was "not conducive to the public good".
Whitehall officials con-

firmed that Mr Saleem, a clerk, had been trying to ship. material vital to Pakistan's development of a nuclear bomb. He is the third member of the High Commission to be expelled on such charges with-

British Customs has stopped the illegal export of material that would aid nuclear proliferation on three occasions. There were two incidents last November: laser-measuring equipment was recovered from a British Airways plane bound for Paki-

FOR the first time in years the

most wanted man in China is

not a political dissident but a

He Gang, 33, of Shenyang in central Hunan province.

allegedly hoarded 20 tonnes

of dynamite which exploded

in his home on January 31.

killing 122 people and destroy-

ing about 40 buildings. The

blast left a crater 100ft across

and 30ft deep.
Posters all over China are

appealing to "all social circles

and the popular masses to

please report all clues to the

public security organs to help

The case highlights a great fear in China; that discontent-

ed industrial workers or crim-

inals will set off explosions at

factory buildings, party head-

capture criminal He".

suspected criminal.

stan, and a shipment of special valves, ordered from France and useful for making nuclear weapons, was held up. Early last year Customs also returned to Hungary portable solidstate lasers that were part of Pakistan's weapons-procure-

Vienna: The International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed that German ler and Karl-Heinz Schaab had sold data to Iraq to help it build the bomb before the Gulf War. Herr Stemmler is said to have died in 1995 and Herr Schaab, on the run, could be in Baghdad. (Renter) .

ment programme Mr Saleem was employed by the High Commission while he was living in Britain. He will be asked to leave the country within the next few weeks. In 1990 Britain also expelled Ahmed Jamil, a diplomat who was a close friend of Dr Abdul Qader Khan, the man said to be the brains behind Pakistan's nuclear pro-

Dynamite hoarder is sought

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

quarters, on trains or along

In private gold, coal, and

iron mines across the coun-

try explosives are used care-

lessly and illegally. Gun-powder is also used in fireworks, also illegally.

which last year killed or

injured 60,000 people. Next week, at the start of the new

year, another attempt will be

made to ban fireworks.In

1994, 26 people were killed when an illegal fireworks

factory in Hebei province.

Until recently those on the

run were political figures.

After the Tiananmen massa-

cre in 1989, a 20-name most-

wanted list was circulated

across China. Many were

Peking activists, but some

near Peking, blew up.

railway lines.

gramme. Pakistan is known to have made vigorous efforts to develop a bomb in response to test-fired by India in 1974. Neither country signed the Nuclear.. Non-Proliferation

Treaty.
Pakistan has never officially acknowledged possession of nuclear weapons, although the Minister of Defence Production said in December 1992 that the country was able to Its programme is based on the Kahuta research complex near Islamabad, which is believed to be able to produce weaponsgrade uranium. Britain officially says only that it is "aware of reports" that the country is hoping to develop a nuclear capability.

The incident is a damaging setback to diplomatic relations between London and Islamabad, and is likely to lead to a cooling in the political dialogue — although not in the booming economic and trade

The Pakistan High Commission would only say yester day that no member of the diplomatic staff of its mission had been expelled.

were from other cities where

here had also been uprisings.

Half of these were apprehend

ed or gave themselves up. The

rest escaped from China, some helped by ordinary people and others assisted by

Operation Yellow Bird, an

underground network estab-lished by mostly criminal

societies based in Hong Kong

with links to similar groups in

China When Chai Ling, the Tianammen "commander in

chief who now lives in

Boston, surfaced with her

husband in Paris in late 1989,

she described how they were

passed along the network for

months, and her astonish-

ment at the number of people

who had risked their lives and

liberty to help the fugitives.

Algeria vow to crush terrorists

THE Prime Minister of Algeria, Ahmed Ouyahia, vowed yesterday to stamp out terrorism "at any cost" after 18 people were killed and 93 injured in two bomb attacks in Algiers, the capital, on Sunday (Mark Huband writes).

Opposition politicians said the blasts demonstrated the increasing anger of Islamic radicals at the failure of President Zeroval to use his decisive poll victory last November to resolve the four-year-old terrorist war. The Islamic Salvation Front, which denied responsibility for the attacks, said: "After the election we recognised the legitimacy of President Zeroual and called for dialogue. To this day, we have had no response."

Algerian security forces said they killed 22 Islamic rebels in five days of operations across the country, the official APS news agency reported.

Inspector on trial Paris: A police inspector has

gone on trial for shooting dead teenage Zairean immigrant during questioning at a police station in 1993. The incident triggered days of rioting in the French capital. (Reuter)

ll die in pile-up

Rome: At least 11 people were killed and more than 100 injured in a multiple crash involving about 250 cars on a fog-bound motorway between Vicenza and Verona in northern Italy. (Reuter)

Long player

Marseilles: Jeanne Calment the French woman who is authenticated as the world's oldest person, is to make a record with anecdotes about her life to celebrate her 121st birth on February 21. (Reuter)

Unholy row

Cairo: Egypt's Religious Affairs Minister has ordered mosques to reduce the number of times they use loudspeakers to call the faithful to prayer each day, in an attempt to curb noise pollution. (AFP)

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Day two: Now that newborn babies are known to react to pain, the focus is on the foetus

Can an unborn baby feel pain?

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RESEARCH INTO THE FOETUS

woman, about to submit to surgery on her unborn paby, would wish to contemplate what it might feel. For while the mother will be offered pain-relieving drugs.

the foctus is given nothing. Blood samples may be taken from the baby, its lungs or bladder drained or an operation performed while it is still in

the womb. Until Some now, few doctors questioned doctors whether this is distressing for the foethink the tus. Yet these are procedures which, research is if performed on a live baby without

a waste anaesthesia, would invite a charge of of time abuse amounting to torture. The issue is at-

tracting attention from some of Britain's most senior consultants including Sir John Peel, former gynaecologist to the Queen and Sir Stanley Simmons, former president of the Royal College of Obstetricians. They attended a recent meeting in London at which research into foetal awareness

Until 20 years ago doctors were taught that newborn babies did not experience pain

Practice changed in the mid-1980s when research showed that they produced a surge in stress hormones in the blood when jabbed with a needle. Operations on newborn babies are now routinely carried out with pain relief.

Since premature babies of as little as 26 weeks gestation now survive outside the womb, many older foetuses

are undergoing surgery inside the womb without analgesia for which, they been born, they would have received painrelieving drugs. Dr Vivette Glov

er, a psycho-pharthe department of paediatrics at Oueen Charlotte's Hospital, London, says that although

the foetus is exposed to many interventions which could be painful - including childbirth and abortion - it is an aspect of obstetrics that has hardly been discussed.

The perception of pain re-quires consciousness which, in adults, depends on electrical activity in the cortex of the brain. Dr Glover says: "Below 13 weeks gestation the foetus has no such cortical activity. After 26 weeks the full anatomical system is present and



These six-month-old babies can be seen to react to painful stimuli; now the search is on to find out whether the response starts even before birth

the foetus is quite likely to feel pain. The area of uncertainty between 13 and 26 weeks." The first study in the world

of the foetus's response to having a needle inserted in its abdomen has been carried out by Professor Nicholas Fisk, a specialist in foetal medicine at Queen Charlotte's. Sick unborn babies undergoing blood

procedure and the level of cortisol, the main stress hormone, was compared. The unpublished results, based on 47 cases, showed the cortisol rose 200 per cent and the endorphins 600 per cent.

Professor Fisk said: "This was the first demonstration

blood samples taken at the mounts a definable stress re-beginning and end of the sponse to a potentially painful procedure."

In a second study, Professor Fisk and colleagues observed a sharp increase in the blood flow to the brain in seven foetuses who had a needle inserted into their liver compared with another seven in whom the needle - to take a blood sample — was inserted

into the umbilical cord. When a baby is stressed it shuts down the blood flow to nonessential organs and directs

the blood to the brain. Professor Fisk is now experimenting by giving tiny doses of Fentanyl, an anaesthetic, to foetuses in the womb before procedures. In four foetuses which have so far received the drug, it had a blunting effect on the previously observed surge in endorphins but no effect on cortisol levels, probably because the dose was too. low; he is now seeking ethical

approval to increase it. Presenting his results to the London meeting organised by Welfare Fund, a charity which

into foetal pain, Professor Fisk said there were scientific, practical and moral arguments for investigating the matter. Evidence in newborn babies shows that those given pain relief survive surgery better than those denied it.

"We were studying exactly the same things in the newborn ten years ago and there the whole picture has underone a complete volte-face following the demonstration that surgery leads to huge adrenalin and endorphins."

There remain doubts. hormonal responses demonstrated by the research prove that pain is being experienced. Sir John Peel, who is also former consultant gynaecologist at King's College Hospital, London, said: "There are huge differences in individual responses to pain. The margin between pleasure and pain is some times difficult to draw but how these could be distinguished in terms of the hormonal response is not clear."

Dr Kyprianos Nicolaides, an expert in foetal medicine at the University of London, said: The research shows certain hormonal changes. One may be related to pain and 55 others may have nothing to do

Professor Fisk said the test would be whether giving painrelieving drugs reduced the responses. But it was hard to gain support for the necessary research because obstetricians fell into two camps: those who felt it was obvious that the foetus felt pain and the work was therefore not worth doing, and those — including emi nent members of the profes-sion — who felt it obvious that the foetus could not experience pain and that the research was a-waste of time. 🕞

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Interpret your dreams

THE RELEVANCE OF RECURRING SLEEP-IMAGES

he vivid and haunting dreams of pregnant women may hold the key to better motherhood. Katie Knight writes. Serene, ecstatic or frightening, recurring images during sleep can reveal your inner feelings about your pregnancy and, in turn, ease the transition from daughter to mother.

in The Dream Worlds of Pregnancy, Eileen Stukane says that while dreams are always highly individual, those of expectant mothers share common characteristics.

"They are valuable tools for understanding emotional highs and lows, the stress. . . of relationships, the adjustments a woman makes to her changing body and the conflicts that approaching motherhood brings," Stukane says.

of pregnant women and found their dreams were often thematic. During the first three months, a woman may find her dream populated by fertile images and small animals cats, sheep and birds. These are surrogate dream images, a

reflection of her inability to visualise the foctus inside her Water and flowers are common metaphors. Some women visualise miscarriage, imagining baths of blood. These, Stukane says, spring from fear and reflect a mind adapting to She interviewed hundreds a new "being" inside. As pregnancy progresses

into the fourth month, many women experience a greater anxiety in their dreams as the baby develops a stronger reality. Images such as being marooned at sea or stuck up a tree are common, suggesting isolation and helplessness.

Bulky pictures of cars, lorries and houses are often reflections of the woman's bodyimage as her mind internalises her physiological changes. And the partner usually makes recurrent appearances at this stage, often showing the female's anxiety about his ability to provide care and her fear that she is no longer attractive to him.

s the birth approaches. A Stukane says, many women's dreams are an attempt to decipher the sex of the baby, with startling images of, for example, trans-

Stukane suggests keeping a dream diary. By examining the impact of your dreams on your waking state you can confront and articulate your anxieties, she says.

● The Dream Worlds of Pregnancy is available from Airlift Books (0181-804 0400). Further reading: Baby Massage by Peter Walker with photographs by Nick Smee (Piatkus, E9.99), on massage and movement for your infant; Your Natural Pregnancy by Anne Charlish (Boxtree, £14.99), advice on using complementary therapies: and The Alexander Technique Birth Book (Robinson,



Mothering instinct the diaries project provides a valuable database

A voice for mothers to be

PREGNANCY DIARIES

batch of diaries recording the thoughts, hopes and feelings of 700 mothers to be as they progress through pregnancy may hold the key to better maternity care.

The maternity diaries, a £150,000 project commissioned by Trent Health, are part of Britain's first survey to record in detail the feelings of mothers during the full term of their pregnancy. Dr Veronica James, a reader in

Nursing Studies at Nottingham University and a director of research into the diaries, says the aim is to collect a body of data to help to discover a woman's needs during pregnancy. Researchers plan to record everything from the mother's relationship with her midwife to each clinic visit, from the day she realises she is pregnant until six weeks after

The idea is that the diaries will eve pregnant women a voice," says Dr James. "Each is divided into sections with titles such as 'About myself and 'Records of my previous maternity experience'. It asks them to record, for example, how they felt each time they visited their clinic— did they feel comfortable there, would they have preferred to go elsewhere, were they given the infor-mation they needed?"

The diaries also provide space for the women to record their more general thoughts on pregnancy and

Researchers have already received the diaries of some women who have miscarried and these, too, should yield valuable research data.

The diaries allow room for partners to record their thoughts, and provide pages for scan pictures. "We wanted to strike a balance between creating a souvenir to encourage

making it a valuable receptacle for research data," says Dr James. A pilot project, in which 15 women

at various stages of pregnancy kept a diary for a month, showed that most enjoyed the experience of committing their thoughts to paper. "Many of them found it quite liberating," says Dr James.

Julie Sadler, a mother of two from Nottingham, had just given birth at home to Philip, now nine months, when she was asked to record her experiences and the level of care she received during and after labour.

"I very much enjoyed writing it. Pregnancy and motherhood is such a major event in a woman's life, but no one ever really asks you about it in detail," she says. "When I had my first child. I wasn't particularly satisfied with the care I received but I didn't know who to talk to about it. I didn't feel there was a way of

recording my dissatisfaction.

"After Philip's birth, I was able to record in detail my feelings about my midwife care during the labour. This time I was very happy with it. The diary provides a valuable opportunity for women to voice their

needs. In a restaurant, a waiter will ask whether your meal was OK. No one asks how your pregnancy was. I hope the diaries help to change that."

The project is part of wider research into maternity services in the Nottingham area, and stems from a new Government policy. Changing Childbirth, which aims to give women more choice in healthrelated issues throughout pregnancy. Most of the diaries, which run to

322 pages each, are expected to be returned between May and July this year. Researchers will then begin collating the data.

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IN THE couple of minutes it will take a healthy, relaxed man to read this piece, his testes will have produced another 120,000 sperm. The speed of sperm production and the efficiency of the manufacturing line would have pleased even Henry Ford. But, the testes, like other production lines, can be disrupted by external forces.

Any disease which undermines a man's general health will interfere with his sperm production, as can stress. Smoking tobacco or cannabis reduces the number of sperm and very probably increases the number of abnormal forms. Obese men are less

Why a fit grandfather has more sperm than his son fertile than the slim. Alcohol may benefit the cardiovascular system but its effect on sperm production can be catastrophic. Recent research at the Royal Free and Chelsea hospitals confirms that the more alcohol a man drinks. the less fertile he becomes. One ancient aristocratic family was about to die out as the title-holder had neither heirs in the nursery nor sperm in all alcohol, sperm returned

his semen. His doctor forbade and the lineage was assured. The effect of age on sperm production is unexpected Professor John Aitken of the Medical Research Council Unit of Reproductive Medi-

EFFECTS OF AGE ON FERTILITY

cine in Edinburgh says that there has been only one careful study. in Germany. It produced a surprising result: healthy grandfathers had

higher sperm counts than their sons and grandsons. Any loss of fertility from increasing age had been obscured by the overall reduction in fertility which has increasingly affected Western men as this century has progressed: Men born in the 1970s are likely to have

half of those born in Although in the German study the oldest donors had the highest sperm count, occasionally

babies born to their partners may suffer as a result of their age. Dr Michael Baraitser, a consultant clinical geneticist at Great Ormand Street hospital, said that although the children of elderly fathers were usually just as healthy as those of younger men, they

were twice as likely to suffer from the effects of a genetic mutation which would give rise to an abnormality. Such diseases range from achondroplasia, a form of dwarfism, to Waadenburg's, in which the symptoms include a white streak in the bair, loss of hearing and speckled eyes. Fortunately, as Dr Aitken explains, the number of times that such mutations occur is

The effect of age on a woman's reproductive life is better known, A woman is bern with all her eggs, the production line, closed at birth, and ideally from puberty the eggs mature at monthly

intervals. The quality of the ova deteriorates with advancing age and with it her fertility. Foctal abnormalities are also more frequently found in children of older women. In young women, for instance, the incidence of Down's syndrome is one in 2,000 live births; by the age of 40, it is about one in 40.

One simple measure to reduce the chances of having a baby with many of the foctal abnormalities, is for women of all ages to take folic acid, a. vitamin, before they plan to become pregnant.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

el pain?

Down and out in India and St James's Palace



profess envy for slum dwellers? Nigella Lawson ponders what happens when discontented wealth meets dire poverty face-to-face

am not sure that if I were living in squalor in an Indian slum, I would greatly relish a rich, royal Western woman telling me how well off I was. But perhaps I would be flattered. After all, it would have been rather worse if the Duchess of Kent, on her worse to the start and her her visit to the slum and the Hindu women who live in it, had simply squinted sympathetically sit them all and murmured: "Poor you, how perfectly dreadful."

It may be crude to point out that the Duchess, admirer of the life that is lived in such poverty, has been staying in comfort in modern hotels during her stay. Of course she has been, it would be madness to choose to dwell, even temporarily, in the sort of discomfort that prevails in the slums. It may not be madness for the Duchess to be so convinced of the superiority of the slum life compared to our spiritually impover-ished affluent existence, but it is symptomatic of the Western deca-

It's not new, of course. The rich and relatively comfortable have always envied what they saw as the purity of the poor. Marie Antoinette didn't dress up as a shepherdess simply because she thought the costume becoming.
Only those who know nothing of financial and concomitant

hardships can congratulate them-selves on questioning the benefits of material comfort and privilege. The cynic might say that seeing poverty as a sign of spiritual richness is a damn fine way of doing nothing to alleviate the sufferings of the poor without having to feel guilty about it. Religion's smart money has always been on that card: telling people that it's not the poverty in this life that matters but the celestial riches in the next is, as Marx and others have pointed out, a sharp political move.

And meanwhile the rich can award themselves the luxury of envy as they point out that it is harder for them - harder, indeed, than it is for a carnel to pass through the eye of a needle — to enter the kingdom of Heaven. Why then, the poor are lucky:

Surely the enduring tendency of the well-off to see the life of the materially deprived as spiritually blessed stems from the scriptures. But it is more than a biblical teach ing: it touches a chord within us. As society has become more af-fluent, the notion seems to have ever more resonance; for only those with no idea what it is like to live in grinding pov-erty can think there is

comfort in it. I am not sure whether this belief comes from a sense of guilt about our own material comforts or a feeling of disap-pointment that these do not make us as happy as we would like to be — or, simply and more likely, a mixture of both. But

we take so much for granted that we are no longer able to imagine truly what life would be like without everything we are privi-leged enough to affect to despise. It is easier to be Anita Roddick thinking that the savage life in some underdeveloped scrub is a superior existence than it is if you're the one stuck in the scrub in the first place.



The Duchess of Kent: admirer of the simple life

Overworked executives are unwise enough, sometimes, to share with us their thought that life must be hard in the deserts of Africa but there is a simplicity to life there that, for all their fast cars and big houses, they genuinely envy. Those who voice sentiments such as these should be dispatched to the heat and dust forthwith, just to see how glorious

this simplicity is in reality. People have no idea: they really do feel that getting stuck in a traffic jam twice a day and working too hard for a lot of money is more stressful than watching your infant children of dehydration and not knowing yourself if you'll live to see the next day. l am not saying that life is not hard

for us too: unfortunately suffering is not relative; we all feel our miseries and hardships absolutely. I balk at the countyour-blessings school (although I am trying a bit of teach-yoursel on the subject) but I do think some selfawareness necessary.

Although Although galling and prone to hideous hypocrisies, the belief

that our moneyed, Western way of doing things is, in all important concerns, inferior to rougher ways of life (as if having no running water or sanitation somehow sanctified existence rather than made it hard and foul) is up to a point better than assuming that our ways are always the best.

And perhaps the Duchess is right: perhaps in gaining materi-

things. Perhaps the price of civili-sation is that we behave, in some respects, in a less civilised manner. She envies the Hindu women for fostering a society which values its elders and respects the commitments of family. Showing fluency in New Age-speak which appears to be the second language of the Royal Family these days, she praises them for

living in harmony with love.

She is clearly sincere, and no one who tries to do good or be good should be disparaged for it. But if I had to choose between living in an Indian slum or St James's Palace, I don't think I'd have much trouble making up my mind.

Chaucer? No chance

ANY don you care to mention has been speaking out for some time about the ever-increasing ignorance of each new generation of the undergraduate population. The fact that academics have probably been doing this ever since the ancient universities were established doesn't necessarily mean they are being bufferishly alarmist now.

But what strikes me is how readily some academics exonerate these students themselves. The latest assessment of the standards in university English departments finds that undergraduates have

read very little that was written before the 20th century, apart from the obligatory Shakespeare play on the A-level syllabus. These academics quite rightly castigate those who have fashioned an Alevel English literature syllabus which allows pupils to read more or less nothing but modern

"We find," says Professor Martin Dodsworth, "that promising applicants have read nothing earlier than Thomas Hardy."

Have read nothing earlier than Thomas Hardy? I understand that the A-level syllabus means they might not have been examined on any earlier writings, but it does not follow that these students should therefore not have read any of them. It might well be a good thing to change the syllabus, but I think the pupils who sit the exams must take some responsibility for being so ill-read. Surely anyone who wants to read English at university should want to read, should have read, books that are not on the syllabus?

One of the great things about reading is that one needs no training, no expertise, no special permission or qualifications to do it. One reads for the pleasure of it, not because an A-level syllabus tells you that you ought.

University English departments should not be in the business of catering for those students whose reading is confined to the requirements of any examination syllabus, even their own.

The deadly charm of Scott's secret Weapon

Presiley Baxendale's girlish giggle and gentle manner mask her killer instinct and her talent for grasping important details, says Julia Llewellyn Smith

hree weekends ago Presiley Baxendale, sa QC the dark-haired th and exotically named counsel to the Scott inquiry, celebrated the report's completion with a trip to Paris with her best friends Harriet Spicer, the former managing director of Virago, and Maeve Haran, the novelist. "It was Presiley's idea: no men, no children, just three girls on the Eurostar," says Haran.

The women, friends since Oxford, blitzed the Musée d'Orsay, trawled Galéries Lafayette and, over long and gossipy dinners, gently teased Baxendale about her new status as Sir Richard Scott's hitwoman. What was her secret, they asked. "Presiley said 'It's quite simple, I'm a devil for detail. I really knew my stuff," says Haran.

This intimate knowledge of mountains of paperwork cer-tainly agitated Baroness Thatcher when she was crossexamined by Baxendale, "I had the transcript pinned to my wall for a while," says Haran. "It says - Thatcher (wearily) 'Is there more paper? I have never seen so much er. Then Baxendale (perkivi Oh, there is much more

paper'. That is so like her." An unfailingly cheerful disposition is another key to Baxendale's dazzling success. Observers have noted her nabit of giggling girlishly as the goes in for the kill. In a ketch of the Scott inquiry. ohn Mortimer noted approvngly how Baxendale beamed it the throngs of journalists.

Such geniality can be mis-

eading. Numerous former Cabinet ministers can count hemselves victims of Baxenlale's famously soft approach, vhich William Waldegrave as described as "offensive".

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'Her looks and her manner belie her many

talents'

to the BBC, who instructed Baxendale when he was deputy solicitor at the Department of the Environment, says: Her appearance and her manner belie her many talents. You don't expect such quality in the way she deals with problems. Harriet Spicer says. "Her probity is veiled by her fantastic sense of humour. People don't expect such penetrating questions from someone with such a good sense of fun."

There are many more disparities between the stuffylawyer image and the Baxen-dale reality. She has a slightly romantic, baroque, individual style," says Haran. Even when she has to wear her lawyers' all-black uniform, she will make sure the jacket has an incredibly exotic lining."

The nonconformity is a fam-ily trait. "The Baxendales are a group of wonderfully strong individuals. Sitwellesque," says Haran.

who later became chairman of Lings, the world's largest manufacturer of Turkish delight; her mother, who died

recently, painted murals Presiley's name, voted the most captivating at the Bar. was chosen by her parents after friends bought a silver loving cup at an auction engraved with the words "To my darling Presiley". Her middle name is Lamorna, after the Cornish cove.

Baxendale, 45, was educated at St Mary's, Wantage, a school better known for turning out Sloaney socialites, such as Lady Helen Taylor, Serena Stanhope and Susannah Constantine. She read law at St Anne's College, Oxford, where her tutor was Ruth Deech, now the Principal. I couldn't say there was anything out of the ordinary about her," says Mrs Deech. "She was a thoroughly nice, hard-working, unaffected pupil in a very gifted generation of Oxford women."

And a contemporary says: You wouldn't have said she was going to be wildly successful. She wasn't a 'gnome' ploughing through piles of cases in the library. But she did enjoy the law."

"At Oxford we were the bad girls, who just wanted to have fun," says Haran, who shared a house with Baxendale and Spicer. "By that I don't mean there was lots of drugs and bonking, because there wasn't But we weren't desperately ambitious. We didn't want to be president of the Union or play Juliet in OUDS. The only society we all joined was the Wine and Food Society."

fter Oxford, however, things began to accelerate. Baxendale, who had gradtiated with a 2-1, came third in her year in the Bar exams and in 1974 joined 2 Hare Court. the chambers of a High Court judge and family friend. Sir Anthony Lincoln. She made her name and honed her diffident style as a counsel for the tribunal in the notorious Jasmine Beckford and Kimberley Carlile child abuse inquiries in the 1980s, which

were chaired by Sir Louis. In 1978, Baxendale, whose previous boyfriends had never conformed to the publicschool/Oxbridge mould, married Richard FitzGerald, a tax barrister whom she had known before university and who had, apparently, always

Presiley Baxendale: "Her secret is probably that people don't expect such penetrating questions from someone with such a good sense of fun" triumph of bohemianism. Presiley wore a pink 1920s dress and all her family came in fantastic clothes," recalls

her sister in a kimono. "She was the first of us to have children, so we are always ringing her for advice on everything from gripe water to ghastly adolescence."



'At Oxford we were the bad girls who wanted to have fun'

Baxendale's daughter Felicity, now 13, is a boarder at Downe House, in Berkshire Felicity wanted to board, Presiley was very tearful about it"), while Charlie, nine, attends a London day school. FrizGerald, says Sir Louis, is

"a backroom boy, a very nice man, who professionally only rarely appears in court and at home takes a bit of a back sear". His passion is doing up houses and moving so the... They are not your average stated his intention of marry sion of addresses culminating county family." Her father ing her. Their wedding was a in their present five-storey family have lived at a succession of addresses, culminating

house in a Nash terrace in Regent's Park, worth £1.5 million. Weekends are spent at FitzGerald's family home in Haran. "I seem to remember Wadhurst, East Sussex.

No one underestimates the pressures of such a demanding career and a young family. "I am astonished that anyone can do it," says Sir Louis. During the Scott inquiry, Baxendale would arrive in chambers at 5am, in order to be at home for the children by opm. In the summer she takes six weeks off to be at home.

"She adores her work but she has always had the capacity to switch off," says Haran. She is not an aggressive networker, preferring to relax with a crime novel and her family than to attend a glittering dinner party. Like all busy mothers she patronises Marks & Spencer, "I often go round for an M&S lunch on Saturday and my children love it," says Haran.

fter three years of

Scott, Baxendale's former clients, which include virtually every government department, are baying for her to return. Everyone predicts great things for Baxendale. who commanded a rate of about £800 a day for the inquiry and could expect considerably more if she returned to the field of commercial law. "She's outstanding," says Sir Louis. "If she wants it there is no doubt she will go on the High Court Bench. The problem is that Baxendale is uninterested in such glittering prizes. A fellow lawyer says: She wants to do a good job but she has no ambition in the money, status, Establishment sense - absolutely not, I hope she does become a judge though - she would be brilliant, as she always has been." Her ego, everyone agrees, is non-existent. "She is never pompous and never arrogant and for that reason she is a wonderful team player," says Spicer. That is why she has served the inquiry so well."

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A culture in need of cold turkey

Magnus Linklater on the

film that divides familes

hen tickets went on sale last week for Trainspotting, a film already described as "the most odious of the year", there were queues outside the cinema in Edinburgh, snaking round the block. Odious it may be, but it has also been accorded the status of "cult movie", and the lavish advance publicity has almost guaranteed box-office success, particularly with younger audiences. That it shows scenes of irredeemable squalor in the backstreets of Leith. that it is about heroin abuse at the rock-bottom of society, and that, on the admission of its makers, it takes no moral attitude towards drugs, has far from undermining its appeal - actually enhanced it.

The starkest message emerging from the Trainspotting phenomenon is the rift it reveals between the genera-tions on the subject of drugs and their insidious appeal. To judge from the success of Irvine Welsh's novel, and the theatre adaptation which played to full houses at last year's Edinburgh Festival. most of the young who read or see it accept it fairly uncritically as a genuine portrayal of life in the raw. Most of their elders are appalled. The

critics, who tend to be of the middleaged variety, cannot help registering

their disapproval. That response is understandable. At one point, the antihero, a shavenheaded university dropout, is shown

injecting heroin into a bulging vein in a surrealistic scene which, if you can bear to watch it, has an awful appeal. "Take the best orgasm you ever had. Multiply it by a thousand. You're still nowhere near it." he says. As one journalist wrote after seeing the film: "For a brief but intense moment of desire I wanted to know what taking heroin felt inside of the experience . .

Translate that into the appeal to thousands of teenagers who will be packing the cinemas over the next few weeks. and you get an idea of the anxiety most parents will feel about its impact. This could be to drugs what A Clockwork Orange was to violence except that that movie was

The producers of Trainspotting argue that far from glamorising drugs, they have done their grim best to expose the consequences of addiction. The portrayal of one drug-taker on his way down the spiral, HIV-positive, ema-ciated, his skin raddled with abscesses, is certainly effective. But at the same time the anti-heroes of the movie are fast-talking, sharp-witted, often funny: the world they live in is one of black comedy and exhilarating brushes with

The reality, as Giles Coren's recent report in this newspaper only too graphically showed, is very different. In Glasgow, where a new wave of cheap heroin has been finding its way onto the streets, there are now almost two deaths a week from drugs. A "scorebag of heroin, costing £20.

will buy you more for your money than a year ago, and will give you a couple of days' escape from ordinary life. The number of teenagers who smoke rather than inject it is on the increase. There is nothing funny about the bleak housing schemes where young addicts from an abandoned underclass live from fix to fix in conditions of desperation and danger. Few of those who go to see Trainspotting will ever have encountered directly this level of hopelessness and

Nevertheless, the young cin-ema-goers who will make up the bulk of the movie's audience are likely to accept the drug-taking scenes with far greater equanimity than their anxious parents. It is hard to grow up in Britain today without encountering drugs in some form or other. As one Glasgow schoolteacher said

on radio the other day: "My primary children know far more about drugs than I do." They know about Ecstasy, Temazepam, speed, cannabis and LSD, and may well have experimented with some or all of them, whatever their parents may choose to believe. They have probably steered clear of heroin itself, but they

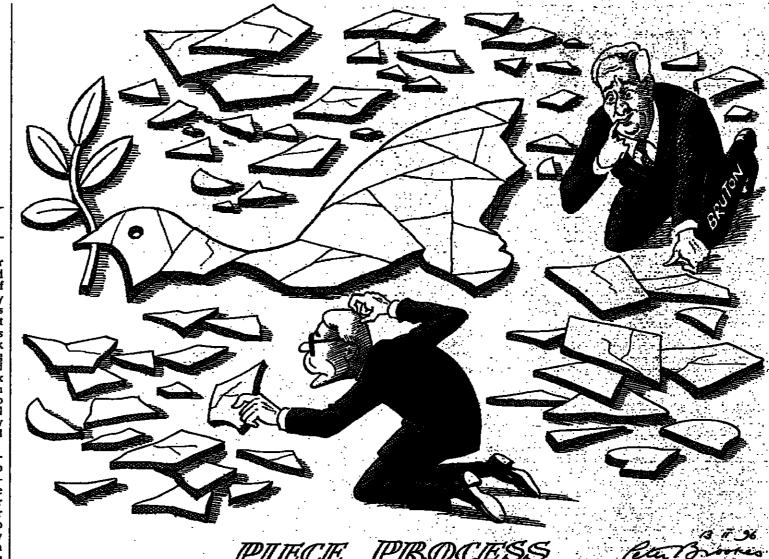
are unlikely to be greatly shocked by its use. There is a Police admit culture now in Britthey are ain that sees hard drugs as acceptable, already if not always accepted. And the fact that losing the an older generation is appalled by their drugs war use and the conse-

guences of their abuse merely fuels interest; there is no greater spur to experimentation than parental

t the same time, the destructive effect of Adrugs, the misery they cause, above all, their sheer availability, is one of the great menaces in modern urban society. Police, who deal on a believe that they are losing the war against them. Those who have lost children innocently exposed to drugs, such as the naments of Leah Retts, are united in their determination to fight them. So what does one make of a film whose makers declare that they take "no moral attitude" towards

It would be pointless to condemn the making of a classy and stylistically successful movie. That it deals with a culture from which we may naturally recoil does not mean it has no merit. But it can at least be taken as a startingpoint for a serious debate about drugs. Parents should see it as well as their children. They are likely to learn more than they ever thought they wanted to know, but that may be no bad thing. At the very least it will provide some common ground for discussion, rather than the usual unbridgeable gap which tends to open up when the subject is

And it might help if irvine Welsh, the author of Trainspotting and now something of a cult figure himself, were to descend from the fence and deliver his own verdict on the nightmare he has portrayed.



Governing ambiguities

Tilliam Empson, the Thirties critic and poet, identified, in his book of that name, "Seven types of ambiguity". How sad that Sir William died nine years before the opening of the Scott inquiry: he might have clocked up a couple of dozen more. No textual analyst, after all, could resist the sheer majesty of David Gore-Booth's notion of "rigorous implementation of a flexible interpretation", still less Tristan Garel-Jones's Humpty-Dumpty explan-ation that "unquantifiable damage" might well have meant "unquantifiably slight"; or the revelation that

"Half the picture can still be true". Nor did Empson have the advantage of listening to Gerry Adams, that man of peace, explaining that he could not possibly "apportion blame" for a bomb for which the "responsibility" indeed rested with the IRA, but that he blamed the British for playing a "high-risk game". Ambiguities, professor? We've got 'em. Anthony Egypt. We are in armed conflict" would today seem a soothingly straightforward statement.

Empson's seven types, for the record, were metaphor, double meaning, disconnected meanings in our or allegory, and alternative meanings betokening "a complicated state of mind" in the author; also fortunate confusion, direct self-contradiction and the seventh, the big one, which "marks a division in the author's mind". The modern politician or civil servant must regularly employ all seven types at once. Or, as Mr Major put it to the Scott inquiry. "Something was not aware had happened sud denly turned out not to have happen-

ed". Quite. Beam me up, Scotty. Members of the Government will, I am aware, already be seething with indignation at this juxtaposition of Gerry Adams with their own ambiguities. But over this bewildering and disheartening few days, I have been finding more and more parallels between the different types of political obfuscation. The fact that Westminster and Whitehall have for so long been performing the dance of the seven veils themselves must have made it easier for them to draw close to Gerry Adams, the master of double meaning and uncertain alliance. It may even have made it easier to believe that Mr Adams genuinely could be a shining beacon of peace and at the same time a reliable spokesman

for people who murder harmless

The evasions of ministers and those of Sinn Fein are too close for comfort

newsagents. Adams may be loathed by those in Britain who deal with him, but he is perfectly well understood: they too know what it is to hold several contradictory positions and still think well of yourself. It is part of their culture. Occasionally, a politician past caring will utter sudden awful truths.

illuminating that culture. It happened when Alan Clark said "Morality — I don't like the word" and blew aside all the careful fluff about rigorous implementation of flexible interpretation" by scornfully observing "Bah, you can't break a guideline any more than you can break a blanc-

mange". Clark admits he was able, without a backward ering Whitehall blancmange, effectively to coach Matrix Churchill directors in how to

phrase an export licence for shell-making machine. The choice is generally between tools so as to weasel past the high-minded guidelines of his ministerial colleagues. It did not seem to him an awful thing to do, or an unusual one; just a governmental function. Less cavalierly, Lord Howe of

Aberavon can now - in retrospect excuse the ambiguity of flouting your own rules by referring plaintively to "the real world, in which this country has to make a living". One day, perhaps, Gerry Adams will be retro-spectively candid too, and write an autobiography in which he admits that he actually lost his influence with the IRA in the early 1990s, but felt he ought to bluff on regardless, all the way to the White House lawn.

Sometimes these late outbursts of frankness take the form of petulant fury against those who just don't understand. Tristan Garel-Jones, one of those who signed the public interest immunity certificates which could have led to the conviction of the Matrix Churchill directors, lashed out on Sunday under the shrill headline "Stuff it, Scott!" He is particularly wounded by Bernard Levin's having accused the PII signatories of a crime "second only to murder". Mr Garel-Jones, three years a junior minister

and otherwise mainly famous for being the man who. Alan Clark confides, regularly calls him "Baby". goes on to excoriate journalism and to

advise pensioners against lending their lawn-mowers to Mr Levin.

But rage apart, what he seems to be saying is what they all say: that proper "governance" (a Harold Wilson word, that, mainly deployed when backs are to the wall) can only take place in an atmosphere of secure confidentiality". Also he says that the Scott inquiry should never have been set up: not least because Sir Richard has no experience of govern-

ment (or even gov-emance) and therefore does not appreciate how much skill and integrity decisions when and here is the hard. core of sense in his argument — "the best option is hardly ever on the table.

second, third even fourth best. Achieving second best can often be a triumph".

This is the regular line taken by all apologists for the weaseliness of what happened over Iraq. They tell us that it was a very difficult problem; and that they could not see another way round it. When Mr Hurd says that it would have "seemed very cynical" visibly to relax the guidelines just after Saddam Hussein gassed Kurdish villagers, his worry was not that it would have been very cynical; government was cynical all along. An dministration committed to increasing overseas trade and protecting British jobs always knew that it would do almost anything to preserve the half-million armaments jobs which hang on our continued trade with unsavoury regimes. But it could not be seen to hold this robust attitude to "earning a living in the real world", because it did not trust the electorate or Parliament to see the point. Hence the Alice-in-Wonderland nonsense drawn out by Sir Richard Scott and Presiley Baxendale. As a lay onlooker with a forgiving

none of them enjoyed the deception much. Nor am I especially anxious to see heads roll. It is quite believable that the ministers in the affair genu-mely felt, for all those years, that it was their duty to do one thing and appear to do another. The Whitehall habit of evasion and ambiguity was already in place when they began; it nourished and encouraged any deceptions that occurred, up to and including Mr. Garel-Jones's belief that the PII certificate would not influence the judge anyway and that "unquantifiable" can simultaneously carry two opposing meanings with-out hurting a fly (remember that, next time your lawmnower comes back from the neighbours with an unquantifiably small amount of petrol.

and start again with more open gov-ernment. If he could just get his nerve up and say so on Thursday, his colleagues might hate him but the nation would probably applaud. However, I doubt whether Sir Rick ard Scott is bothering to look out vases for bouquets. The culture is very strong, maybe stronger than the PM bimself.

But the emotion it arouses is, above all else, pity. Why do we force these poor saps to tie themselves in knots? Why do we demand that they speak in riddles? Why was it never possible for any of them to say to us "Get real, you sentimental lot. This is the bot-tom line. Either we sell arms to this murdering swine, or we lose thous-ands more jobs in Britain, which will mean x pence on the income tax to build alternative pacifist industries, Which do you want? What will you pay-for a clear conscience?

Perhaps it is our tediously adversarial political structure which makes such frankness; impossible, perhaps it is the media; perhaps it is the ancient voodoo of the tribes of Whitehall. Maybe it is not impossible at all, and a leadership should try it. It could even offer referends on such sticky issues. The technology is here: there are computer terminals on every corner. Why not hijack Came-lot for a day — it owes the nation a favour — and let us hand over our poll card, push "666" for selling arms to the next Saddam or "0" for the moral, high ground. Simplify the governance. Tell us, and ask us.

Why we love the Lords

Woodrow Wyatt

on the value of

hereditary peers

n Sunday Mr Blair continued his theme of reforming the Lords with another attack on hereditary peers. The 1st Lord Brocket, he observed, got his peerage by paying Lloyd George; the present Lord Brocket, a Tory, has now been jailed for fraud. This is a non sequitur. The case is turrelated to the Tory belief in hereditary peers. Nor was the case of the late Lord Kagan. was the case of the late Loru Ragan, of Gannex mackintosh fame. He contributed substantial sums towards the running of Harold Wilson's office when he was Opposition leader, was elevated to the peerage by Wilson in 1976, and had his knighthood removed in 1981 after being jailed for fraud — which is hardly a Tory prerogative.

To be credible, Mr Blair must stop his smears and begin to think of the implications and side-effects of his reform plans, apparently aimed at improving democracy. Commons MPs are not chosen by the generality of voters, but party members, who in practice are represented by a caucus of a few hundred activists. Other voters have to vote for the candidate presented, however much they may disapprove of him or her. In America, all voters are entitled to register as Republicans, Democrats or independents; they do not have to subscribe. Then, in the primaries, they choose berween their party's candidates — a

far more democratic system.

Nor, in practice, does the Commons act as a fully democratic cham-ber, owing to the whipping mechanism evolved since the 1832 Reform Act. The Lords, on the other hand, vote freely according to their convictions, regardless of whips.

fter a general election, the

Commons meets basically as an electoral college to confirm the leader of the wirming party as Prime Minister, and for the supporters of the next largest party, or coal-ition, to confirm the Opposition lea-der. Thereafter, the Prime Minister chooses the date of the next election and, except in exceptional circumstances, carries the bulk of what he and the Cabinet propose into law.

Mr Blair, who is dictatorial by I am also prepared to believe that? nature, would revel in these powers.

Mr Major, in setting up the majory! So he would order the Scots to have genuinely deplored this iniserable, their own parliament, able to exact culture and was willing to torpedo it additional taxes, whether they want it or not Likewise. Wales is to have a separate assembly, though the Welsh are not asking for one, and regions of England-will, if Blair so pleases, be forced to have an extra, expensive and innecessary layer of government through regional assemblies. Meanwhile, Blair has not yet explained why, with a Scottish parliament, Scottish MPs at Westminster should be allowed to vote on English matters if English and Welsh MPs were banned from voting on Scottish matters—the West Lothian question. Mr Blair tells us that mucking about with the Lords is a step tow ands an elected second chamber, chosen presumably by a system as democratically defective as that for Commons MPs. This would be a nightmare. An elected second champer could not be denied the right to block Commons legislation. Today, the House of Lords cannot derail Commons legislation for very long and, wisely fearing that its limited powers might be removed, rarely exercises them to the full. It most certainly would if Mr Blair's illconsidered reforms came before it. Surely not even Mr Blair would wish to be prevented from carrying through measures he might consider more important by being bogged down in constitutional issues though it might have the advantage

> economy so soon. In his remote fastnesses, closeted with ardent, admiring aides, Mr Blair imagines that bashing the Lords is popular. On the contrary, the country loves and values the House of Lords, despite and even because of its eccentricities. Frequently it catches the public mood better than either the Government or the Commons. It was, for example, way ahead of the Commons in backing

that he would be unable to wreck the

Sunday trading and Sunday racing ereditary dukes, marquesses and carls are more highly regarded by ordinary people than they may ment. They are seen as live, rumantic evidence of a history we are proud of; some of those most distinguished for their services to the State come from lines which began with royal bastards. The public does not much differentiate between the

lesser fry of hereditary and life peers.

To dehar hereditary peers from voting or attending the Lords would be silly. Are we to lose that spiky critic of the Government, Earl (Conrad) Russell, descended from Lord John Russell who carried through the 1832 Reform: Act? Or Lord Cranborne, whose genes carry the accumulated political skills of the Cecils? What balderdash: I agree, though, that a constant injection of life peers is needed to keep up the high quality of debate, legislative revision and charmittee work. Much trouble would have been saved if, as Bagehot wrote the House of Lords had not resisted the proposal of Lord Palmerston's first Government [in 1855] to create poers for life". On mature reflection, Blair should go no further than Palmerston wanted

Coded praise

OUEEN ELIZABETH the Queen Mother is today expected to perform her first official engagement since her hip replacement before Christmas. She is due to unveil a memorial at Westminster Abbey to the Special Operations Executive. which was formed as a secret

service in July 1940. Although Clarence House refused yesterday to confirm her attendance, former members of the



Decoder extraordinary

operations executive are brushing down their togs to greet her at the Abbey. Veterans are delighted. Leo Marks, who as a stripling of 20 ran the codes for the resistance movement, spoke of her great interest in the executive.

"She and the late King came to inspect our cipher artefacts once," he says. "His Majesty stood at one end of the room and we sent him a shortwave radio message, encryp-ted by Her Majesty. Nobody could decode it for a very long time because she had made a mistake. It became known as the Queen's

Marks told her years later that her very mistake had actually helped to crack an indecipherable code in one of the most important operations of the war. "In the operation to blow up the Germans' heavy water plant, we couldn't decode the first message they sent

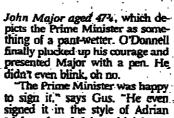
บร," he said. "In desperation I said. Try the Queen's mistake.' And we cracked it - the agent had made the same mistake as Her Majesty." When she heard of her contribution to the war effort, she was modesty itself: "I'm so glad to have been of some



● As patron of the National Youth Theatre. Prince Edward turned out on Sunday night for its 40th birthday party at a London hotel, where Rory Bremner provided light entertainment. "I just don't seem to be getting my message across, Dad," said Bremner's Prince Charles. "Well why don't you try my mobile phone?" replied his Duke of Edinburgh. Prince Edward laughed like a drain.

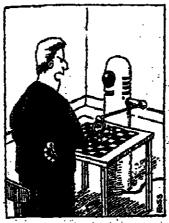
Oh yes

PROOF that John Major has a sense of humour comes from his former press secretary Gus O'Donneil, who persuaded the Prime Minister to sign a book he gave his brother for Christmas. The book was a compilation of Private Eye's spoof on the Adrian Mole diaries, The Secret Diary of



Mole — though I don't think he's a regular reader of Private Eye."

The whisper is EMMA THOMPSON, who is expected to receive at least one Oscar nomination today for Sense and



"Right, smarty, let's see how good you are at Scrabble

Sensibility, has already moved on. The talk among movie movers is that she will star with Robert Redford in the screen adaptation of The Horse Whisperer, the tale of a man who heals horses, which earned first-time British novelist Nicholas Evans £2 million when he sold it to Hollywood. Evans is now rumoured to have been affered "a Martin Amis" (an advance of: around £500.000) for his next book.

Scene stealer

A CASE for Inspector Goole, the ghostly policeman of An Inspector. Calls. Real London detectives are baffled by a burglary at the Garrick Theatre, where J.B. Priestley's classic drama is showing.

The company manager arrived to prepare the theatre for Friday night's performance, only to find that a prop-burglar had been oddly choosy. Only the cheap landscape pictures and omaments adorning the walls and mantelpiece were missing. "A man was on the door all the time. We've no idea how anyone could have got in or out," says a baliled thesp.

So messy

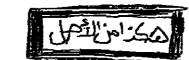
THE BRITISH cleaning lady is an indomitable soul. Early yesterday,



Emma: moving on to

Mrs Mary Shelley, 63, emerged from the devastation of London's Docklands at breakfast time to complain about the mess on the

Three of her fellow shift workers turned up as usual at the London: Docklands Development Corporation building, which took an indirect hit in Friday's blast Undeterred by piles of shattered class and masonry dust, she tiptoed over to clean the lavatories and refill the loo-roll holders. Then she emptied the rubbish bins. "You couldn't do any Hoovering," she explained.



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AFTER THE BOMB

Another ceasefire can never be enough

The Prime Minister made a powerful appeal . It would be abandoned if talks went the for democracy and the peace process last night. His determination to strengthen the strained Anglo-Irish axis with a rapid summit should be applauded. But in his anxiety to see something survive after all the sacrifices and exertions of the past 18. months, he and his supporters should not lese sight of what last Friday has revealed about the republicans. Another ceasefire can never be enough.

Proof of a permanent commitment to peace will be required before any party can play a part in shaping Northern Ireland's future. There are signs that the IRA is already constructing a trap for the two Governments. Reports from the Republic suggest the IRA saw the attack on Docklands as a "one-off", a peremptory shock designed to iolt the British Government out of its complacency and into calling immediate allparty talks. Making points by killing inno-cents is as callously inhuman as it is counter-productive. Moreover, even if the British had wanted to call all-party talks, they could. not have brought the Unionists to the table Thless Sinn Fein had either decommissioned arms or embraced elections.

Nevertheless, there are rumours that Sinn Fein, after time has been allowed for the atrocity to sink in, or perhaps after another similar affront, will offer a new ceasefire. The republicans may calculate they will have made their point and proved their determination not to be trifled with. They could hope the two Governments will believe progress is impossible without the republicans and will invite Sinn Fein to full talks.

Extending that invitation would be dangerous folly. Another ceasefire would be, even more blatantly than before, a cynical tactic. the pace.

wrong way. Any new commitment to peace would be a pretence unless it were accompanied by proof that the IRA had forsworn violence.

There are those who argue that peace is impossible without the agreement of Sim Fein/IRA. In the Irish Republic the main opposition party, Fianna Fail, has urged the Taoiseach, John Bruton, to talk to Sinn Fein. In America, Congressman John King, Chairman of the ad hoc committee for Irish affairs, assures us that "there is no question of a weakening of confidence in Gerry

"Clinton", he says, "recognises that Adams is essential to the peace process." The reverse is true. Mr Adams now appears redundant to the peace process. If he still speaks with any authority, it is as the emissary of men who deal in ultimatums, not negotiations. There is no room for the imperative rasp of the blackmailer at democratic discussions.

There was a peace process before the ceasefire and it can survive the resumption of war. All of Ulster's constitutional parties have moved from their entrenched positions. There may be the basis for a tentative consensus on restoring accountability to the Province while respecting diversity. The challenge for those, such as John Hume, who risked so much to give the republicans a chance to change is to work now with those whose commitment to democracy can never be questioned. The challenge for the Unionists is to reach out to moderate nationalist opinion and show imagination in embracing ideas which can build confidence. The IRA should not be allowed to set

A MUFFLED CRY

Kohl should listen to Juppé and answer his plea

Alain Juppé set out for Bonn yesterday with the firm intention of underlining France's commitment to the 1999 target date for monetary union within the terms laid down by the Maastricht treaty. He made a brave fist, for an increasingly dubious German public, of talking up France's prospects of meeting the Maastricht criteria come trade union hell or unemployment high water. But : far more important was a handful of words he let slip after meeting Helmut Kohl.

Despite desperate attempts after the event by his officials to put a different gloss on his words, there is no doubt that the French the first official French hint that, even if France were ready for its 1999 date with Restiny, events outside France might compel a postponement of EMU.

M Juppé's personal determination to stick to the schedule is not in doubt. That is partly because of mounting anxiety in Paris that 1999 represents an opportunity, that might not recur, for France to escape the de facto mark zone in Europe. When the French Prime Minister told Die Welt yesterday of his fear that, if EMU were postponed just for a year, there would be further postponements and "then it will be 2010 and nothing will have been done", he reflected a constant

anxiety in the French Establishment. But if there is anything on which this same Establishment has always been unanimous. it is that EMU will work in France's interest only if a sufficient number of countries joins at the start to counterbalance the otherwise overwhelming power of the German monetary authorities in the future European Central Bank.

The telling moment in Bonn came, therefore, when M Juppé was asked about repeated market rumours of an overnight merger of the German and French currencies in a political "dawn raid" to force the EMU project through. In dismissing this out of hand - "it cannot be the case that France goes it alone with Germany" - he also drew attgation to the Maastricht requirement that a sufficient number of countries must-be ready and willing to take part in the union by 1999". If that were not the case, he said, There should be agreement on another date."

Outside the charmed circle of Franco-German summits, this is no more than a statement of obvious, recorded fact. It is just what Maastricht says. But inside the circle, it is heresy to hint that the treaty's contingency clause might have to be activated. Herr Kohl, who will not hear of it, has repressed those of his henchmen prepared to take a sceptical peek at the improbable EMU arithmetic. Bonn and Paris have Italy and other countries by repeating, mantra-like, that what matters is the leadership of the Franco-German couple.

Despite his battering by the unions and prospects of more to come, M Juppé continues to elevate hope over experience. France will be there on the day, he assured reporters yesterday - and "other countries will join us". Even Britain, he claimed, would "try to jump on the train" once convinced that EMU was for real.

The stubborn fact remains: an EMU of France, Germany and The Netherlands would be too small for France's comfort; and no serious economist now imagines that Belgium, Italy or Spain will begin to qualify by the end of 1997, the year on which their deficits, public debt and inflation performances are to be assessed. The whispering cannot be silenced in Paris as easily as Herr Kohl stifles it in Bonn.

M Juppé feels the pressure of knives in his back. But France has pinned so much on EMU — and sacrificed so much in growth and jobs to the Sisyphean task of meeting the Maastricht timetable - that, for a French Prime Minister to alter course on EMU with safety, he needs to be able to cite external factors beyond France's control. A muffled cry for help has been heard, from a Frenchman, and in Bonn. If Herr Kohl values the Franco-German axis as much as he professes to do, his ears should pick up the message.

THERE TO BE FOUND

A chance to share in Count Alexander's good fortune

To unearth a hoard of coins or bring up from the black earth gold and jewellery entrusted generations ago to the darkness is a thrill that all can share Rarely, however, do those who consign their wealth to the ground before fleeing invading armies have the chance to reclaim their heritage. They may dream of returning when the Roman legions have put down the Iceni, King Henry's agents finished combing the monasteries or the Royal Navy called off its pursuit of pirate plunderers. But few ever return from flight or exile. The secrets of their hidden treasure

die with them. The story of Count Alexander zu Lynar-Redern is one that will send a frisson through all those who attend the Sotheby's sale of his silver Odiot service and his 19thcentury Meissen porcelain. For not only are these precious pieces rare examples of the heirlooms once found in the great Prussian families; but they have only just been excavated from a forest in former East Sermany where, for more than 40 years, communist spy chiefs hunted over the ground where the treasure was buried. And it was Count Alexander himself who dug up his family's treasures that, 50 years earlier, he and his retainers had hastily consigned to the sandy soil as the guns echoed all around and the Russians closed in.

The wonderment he experienced on seeing his silver again must have equalled that more famously felt by Howard Carter when he entered King Tutankhamun's tomb or. more recently, by Manolis Andronikos who found the bones of Philip of Macedon and all his funereal gold under a mound in Vergina. These men, however, brought to light things never meant to be seen again in the upper world. The terracotta horsemen who guarded the Chinese Emperor at Xian or the Viking boat at Sutton Hoo were interred to honour the departed chieftains; their discovery was a violation of a grave.

Treasure temporarily hidden is there to be found, however. The search is still on for looted Nazi gold and the famed Tsar's Amber Room. Often it is a farmer who stumbles on an amulet in his field. Under the law of treasure trove - which nationalised the wealth of the fleeing Romans, Catholic priests and Cavaliers the Government has first claim. This has not inhibited enthusiasts with metal detectors, however. Nor has it stopped the burying of wealth by misers, criminals or publicists. Indeed, one of the most successful treasure hunts of recent times was organised by an author who buried a golden hare and sold thousands of books to those searching in its riddles for clues to the hare's location.

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ics and English, which was ordered

There is little point in national

league tables, particularly for some-

thing like 21,000 primary schools, the sheer magnitude of which is mind-boggling in its bureaucracy, not to mention its considerable cost.

5 King Street, Covent Garden, WC2.

Sir. I feel uncomfortable with Simon

Jenkins's comments about Crofton

School's standard for two reasons:

firstly because there are many who

do not only dare to say that part of our

success is the environment from

which we draw children but say so

However, that is only part of the

loudly. I am one of the first to do so.

background to our success. Chris Woodhead, Chief Inspector of

Schools, in his letter to me made clear

that we are "excellent" when judged

against "schools in similar circum-

stances". Our teachers might feel to-

day that not only are the media con-

stantly highlighting failures in the

system but are now knocking them

Please don't seek to find reasons for

our excellence: it is because teachers

Sir. In the debate that has rightly fol-

lowed from the report by Chris Wood-

head it should be remembered that

some schools, my own included, have

yet to be inspected by Ofsted.

(Chairman of Governors).

vhen they achieve excellence.

teach well.

Yours faithfully.

Towncourt Lane.

Orpington, Kent.

Yours faithfully,

A. F. WEST

From Mr A. F. West

Headmaster.

MICHAEL THOMAS,

Crofton Junior School,

Yours faithfully, NIGEL de GRUCHY,

From the Headmaster of

Crofton Junior School

General Secretary.

NASUWT,

February 8.

by the Government a few years ago.

Snags in House of Lords reform

From the Director of the Conservative Political Centre

Sir, Your leading article (February 8; see also letters, February 9) quite rightly states that the central require-ment in constitutional debate is to distinguish clearly between evolutionary and radical change. However, it is surely not as obvious as you seek to imply that the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into British law, and the curbing of the rights of hereditary peers, could form part of an evolutionary ap-

The former would mean that authority now vested in Parliament would pass to the courts; the latter would remove from the Upper House the principal component which it has had since its start in the Middle Ages.

Since the Labour Party refuses to spell out its plans for an elected second chamber, there is an acute danger that the outcome would be a purely nominated Upper House, creating in effect the largest quango in the land (indeed it is hard to suppress the suspicion that that is Labour's real aim).

Yours faithfully, ALISTAIR B. COOKE, Director,

Conservative Political Centre, 32 Smith Square, Westminster, SW1.

From Earl Russell

Sir, Liberal Democrats are not about to go into a last-ditch defence of the hereditary peerage. Nevertheless, before we can be persuaded that Tony Blair's one-clause Bill is the right way to tackle the question, many of us want reassurance about two substantial misgivings.

First, we need to be reassured that Labour understands that the overarching purpose of constitutional reform is to reduce the power of the Executive. The debate on the Scott report has shown how terrifyingly urgent this task is.

When we find Labour beginning the task of constitutional reform by a measure which will strengthen the power of the Labour Prime Minister then, like people going to Birming-ham by way of Beachy Head, we feel the need to ask whether we are going in the right direction.

Secondly, the hereditary peers in a small, illogical and anomalous way do check the power of the Executive. We would therefore want to find some way of filling the gap which their abolition would create. This is why it would be very difficult to tackle the composition of the Lords without looking at its powers.

Yours faithfully, RUSSELL. House of Lords.

February 9.

From Lord Stanley of Alderley Sir. Although 1 am not against reform of the hereditary element of the Upper House, the appointment by patronage that Mr Blair favours would destroy

its independence. Over the past 20 years I have, on numerous occasions, had to ask their lordships if a particular amendment, always rural-based, was correct. I have never tried to persuade a peer appointed by party patronage to vote against his party; it would be incorrect

and impolite to do so. However, I have no quaims about asking an hereditary peer to break ranks - most own no allegiance but to their conscience.

Yours faithfully, STANLEY OF ALDERLEY, Trysglwyn Fawr, Rhosybol, Amlwch, Anglescy. February 10.

From Mr C. R. Holman

Sir, Peers are disharred from sitting as members of the House of Commons. In this situation the House of Lords provides the hereditary and the appointed peers with their only voice in the government of this country. To deny any citizen of the United Kingdom the right to participate in the processes of government of this country due to an accident of birth is probably even more undemocratic than the present arrangement.

Any legislation for the reform of the House of Lords must grant those who are then barred from the Upper House the right to stand for election in the Lower House of Parliament, without first having to renounce their peer-

C. R. HOLMAN. 141a Bilton Road. Rugby, Warwickshire.

On the qui vive From Mrs Marianne Fry

Sir, You reported on February 5 that a portrait of Elizabeth I is believed by a psychiatrist to reveal a childhood of

It would surely be remarkable if the gaze of a girl whose father had be-headed both her mother and her stepmother did not show "frozen watchfulness" and "wariness".

Yours faithfully, MARIANNE FRY. Booton, Norwith, Norfolk.

Letters for publication should earry contact telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

Educational excellence as priority

From Mr Michael Hart

Sir, For once it is difficult to agree with Simon Jenkins ("Half a league backward", February 7). Of course league tables are highly questionable, but Of-sted evidence on low standards, unsatisfactory lessons and poor teachers (report and leading article, February far from being useless, has vitally contributed to putting education final-ly near the top of the political agenda. For years both main political par-

ties, though for very different reasons, have concealed from the public the plain fact that many of our three to 18year-olds are worse educated than children of comparable age in most European and several overseas countries. Our provision for nursery and vocational education is quite inadequate. The former requires money; the latter a greater contribution from

We have some of the best schools in the world but a larger number of poor ones than most of our competitors. This has nothing to do with single-sex education and is only marginally linked to the question of money.

The real reasons are twofold: educational apartheid, by which 8 per cent of our most influential and ambitious parents turn their backs on state education, and the large number of teachers and teacher-trainers who, though overwhelmingly hardworking and dedicated, continue to place social above academic education and, as a result, perpetuate, often unconsciously, a long tradition of low expectations. Let us hope that the next Government will have a consistent policy to tackle these issues.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL HART (HIM Inspector of Schools, 1974-76), 49 Chesterfield Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

From the General Secretary of NASUWT

Sir, I share Simon Jenkins's assessment that inspection and league tables constitute management by public humiliation and that this may be the result of mismanagement over many years. However, even if headteachers and governors had been more assiduous in rooting out incompetence, they might not have been able to replace dismissed teachers with anyone bet-

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers has called for more than 20 years for a

structs development, increases region-

al instability and is responsible for

publication of Sir Richard Scott's re-

port into the arms-to-lraq affair, emi-

nent politicians, scientists, military of-

ficers, church leaders, trade unionists

and peace activists will join forces

with over 1,000 non-governmental or-

ganisations all over the world to urge

the introduction of binding interna-

tional codes of conduct on the arms

Tomorrow, two days before the

massive abuses of human rights.

From the Bishop of Coventry

Langley Grammar School, Reddington Drive, Langley, Berkshire. February 7. trade. The codes seek to int more responsible, principled approach to the sale of weapons and pre-

vent exports to countries with poor hu-

man rights records, regions of ten-

Sir. Four million innocent civilians sion, dictatorial regimes and military have been killed in conflicts throughaggressors. out the world since 1990. This slaugh-We call on the UK Government to ter is fuelled by the sale and export of take the opportunity of the forthcomweapons. As one of the world's leading intergovernmental conference to ing suppliers, the UK must accept its press for the introduction into the responsibility for a deadly trade Maastricht treaty of a European code which ruins local economies, obof conduct on the arms trade.

We must learn from the Matrix-Churchill affair and never again allow short-term commercial gain to override international peace and sec-

Yours faithfully, **TSIMON COVENTRY,** †DAVID LIVERPOOL, **†RICHARD OXON:,** Safer World, 33-34 Alfred Place, WCI.

Alternative medicine

From Dr J. K. Mathews

Sir, While agreeing with most of Jeremy Laurance's article on alternative medicine, "An honest alternative, or just magic?" (February 5; see also let-ters. February 8), I have to take issue with his final sentence that "illness is what doctors have forgotten about". The problem is not that doctors have forgotten about illness but that

patients have forgotten what "iliness" means. Too much of most general practi-

tioners' time is now spent dealing with relatively minor conditions which do not require medical intervention. Reassurance may be all that is necessary, but this does not have to be given by a health professional with the level of skill and training of a general practitioner.

Only when patients, and alas some of the medical profession, recognise the valuable role that other less highly trained health professionals can play in basic health advice and reassurance will doctors again have the time to deal with what would medically be regarded as illness.

Doctors have not forgotten about ill-

From Mr Tom Benford

Sir, The idea of a square-rigged, sail-training royal yacht (article, February 3; letters, February 8, 12) is as misguid-ed as the "Victorian" street furniture which now disfigures Surbiton's main shopping street.

A suitable seagoing vessel to carry the Sovereign into the 21st century would be a large and imposing — better still, awe-inspiring — nuclear-pow-ered trimaran in polished stainless steel, a Concorde on the water.

Yours faithfully. TOM BENEORD. 3c Cranes Drive, Surbiton, Surrey.

February 12.

ness: they unfortunately are not being given sufficient time to practise medi-

Yours faithfully, KENNETH MATHEWS. Hellesdon Medical Practice. 343 Reepham Road,

Hellesdon, Norwich, Norfolk.

From Mr Eric Ratcliffe

Sir, Your leading article of February 5. mentioning the Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis, throws back my memory to what must have been a very early use of hypnosis in profes-sional dentistry.

My father, a Twickenham dentist, performed two extractions about 1929 on a hypnotised patient, who had none of the after-effects of gas anaesthesis and felt no pain.

I was in those days, as a small boy, sometimes employed as a restraining weight on the ankles of patients, who could move violently under gas. Under hypnosis, the patient remained completely calm.

Yours sincerely, ERIC RATCLIFFE, 7 The Towers. Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

A new royal yacht Choir practices

From Dr Harry Judge

Sir, You reported on February 8 that the person alleging discrimination against the Dean and Canons of St George's, Windsor, for not employing her as a baritone is being represented by her husband, who, she said was "freelancing as a vicar". I can find no reference to freelance vicars in any of the standard works of canon law or ecclesiastical custom.

Might that status be somehow related to that of a loose canon.

Yours etc. H. G. JUDGE 2 Upland Park Road. Oxford.

Star writers, with or without ghosts

From Mr Robin Rhoderick-Jones

Sir, If Joan Collins, a writer who, according to her own lawyer ("How to hit a publisher for millions". Weekend, February 10) requires "face-toface, line-by-line, page-by-page" edi-torial help, can persuade one of the world's most powerful publishers to part with \$1.2 million as an advance, it can only be - as Quentin Letts points

out — on the basis of her celebrity sta-tus, not on her ability as an author. Is it not time that this exploitation of a gullible public was stopped? Novels and purported autobiographies which are largely the work of editors, ghostwriters or collaborators should be de-scribed as such prominently on the front cover and not passed off as being the work of models, television stars and sportsmen who have played little

part in the finished product. This increasing practice of wilful deception may be good for the coffers of publishing houses and the pockets of barely literate celebrities; but it does nothing either for the trading standards or the honesty of a profession which is rapidly descending to the depths once plumbed by the wilder fringes of cowboy estate agents.

Yours sincerely.
ROBIN RHODERICK-JONES. Middle St Andrew's Wood. Dulford, Cullompton, Devon. February II.

From Dr Ed Black

Sir, Quentin Letts besmirches the shade of Thomas Hardy by linking him to the ghost-publishing world of Joan Collins. Hardy began his autobiography around 1920; later, towards his end, he and his second wife, Florence, went through it, changing "I" to

After his death in 1928 Florence added some paragraphs covering the last few months and her insensitive funeral arrangements in Westminster Abbey. So it is a (unique?) autobiography in the third person, or self-ghosted biography: the real McCoy, very fine stuff.

Unlike the help which Jeffrey Ar-cher's novel received over 16 drafts, Hardy was always hounded and hampered by inferior prurient editors and what they excised in magazine serial he replaced in book form.

We are grateful to Ms Collins and her editor Ms Evans for revealing the real world of publishing, previously suspected, behind unreal unnovels.

Yours truly. ED BLACK, and Political Science. Language Studies Centre Houghton Street, WC2. February 12.

Hit or miss?

From Mr Guy Thomas

Sir, Popular music had a bad time of it in The Times today (February 6). It was P. G. Wodehouse with his lyrics who joined Jerome Kern to write Bill (sung at the memorial service for the theatrical agent Billy Marsh), one song in Showboat which didn't have words by Oscar Hammerstein II.

On another page Quentin Letts. surveying a new generation of America's pistol-packin' mommas, risks facing a firing squad formed by admirers of Ethel Merman, Betty Hutton and Dolores Gray among others who, as Annie Oakley in Annie Get Your Gun, all sang at one time or another You Can't Get a Man with a Gun, but not alas Doris Day as Calamity Jane.

GUY THOMAS. 295 Lonsdale Road, Barnes, SW13.

Here today ...

From Mr J. A. W. Jennings

Sir. The reason why the snow had almost gone within three days although the ambient temperature during the period never rose above the freezing point of water (letter, February 2) was because the radiant heat from the sun imparted far more energy to the snow than to the surrounding air. Sublimation of snow could not take

place out of doors, as Dr William Alcock says (letter, February 6), because the atmospheric pressure would always be too high. Sublimation de-pends on the boiling point of the solid substance being lower than its melting point at the pressure of the atmos-

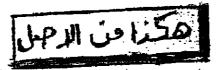
Yours faithfully J. A. JENNINGS. Babington House, Frome, Somerset. February 7.

Shooter snookered

From Mr E. K. Taylor Sir. In September 1939 I was introduced to my newly-acquired Lee Enfield rifle and told to cherish, love and care for it as I would my wife, my mother

or my favourite sister. I came to know it so intimately - its sleek, smooth lines, the velvety touch of its stock and the lovely curves of its butt - that I could pick it out in the darkest of nights. Unfortunately, unlike Steve Davis and Stephen Hendry (leading article "A cue missed", February 9) I never mastered the art of shooting straight with it.

Yours faithfully, E. K. TAYLOR, 1 Irvine Close, Hereford. February 9





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 12: The Princess Royal, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon launched the Legal and General Kickstart Handbook, Legal and General Headquarters, Temple Court, Queen Victoria Street, London EC4. Her Royal Highness this eveClub Fiftieth Anniversary Recention and Dinner at the Imperial War Museum, London SEL

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Captain Charles Winter, Coldstream Guards, to be Temporary Equerry to Her Majesty in succession to ning attended a Special Forces · Captain Edward Macfarlane.

Today's royal engagements'

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at II.00.
The Duke of Edinburgh, as President and Honorary Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, will preside at a meeting of the environment committee at Buckingham Palace at 10.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of The Basic Skills Agency, will attend the advisory committee meeting at Commonwealth House at 10.30; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will preside at an industry and commerce group meeting at Buckingham Palace at 4.00; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will present corporate members' fundraiser certificates at Buckingham Palace at

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will unveil a memorial to the special operations executive in Westminster Abbey at 2.55. The Duke of Gloucester, as patron

will attend the opening of the exhibition of work by Frederic Lord Leighton at the Royal Academy of Arts at 7.00. The Duke of Kent will visit the John Hampden Grammar School, Marlow Hill. High Wycombe at 10.45; will visit the Wycombe Summit, Abbey Barn Lane, at 11.45;

Common, Gerrards Cross, at 2.30. Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Horse Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

Andrea Duchess of Manchester

The Memorial Service for Andrea Duchess of Manchester will be held at St Andrews, Kimbolton, February 24, at 2pm.

Viscount Leathers A Service of Thanksgiving for the

life and work of Viscount Leathers will take place in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster at noon on Thursday, March 7, 1996. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary.
Room 7. 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SWIP 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tick ets will be posted on February 28.

Sir David Lightbown, MP

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir David Lightbown, MP, will take place in St Margarets Church, West-minster Abbey, at noon on Tues-day. March 12, 1996. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 12. 1 Little Clois ter, Westminster Abbey, SWIP 3PL enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted on March I.

Service dinner

71st (Yeomanny) Signal Regiment The Earl of Limerick, Regimental Honorary Colonel, presided at the annual dinner of the 71st Yeomanny Regimental Officers Dining Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club, Piccadilly.

Dinners

HM Government Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was the host last night at a dinner given by Her Maiesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Mme Wu Yi, Minister for Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation of

Sports Aid Foundation The Prime Minister was the guest last night at Guildhail. Mr David Mellor. QC, MP, chairman, presided. Alderman Sir Brian Jenkins, Lord Mayor locum tenens, accompanied by Lady Jenkins, the Right Rev Lord Runcie and Mr

Paul Zetter also spoke.

During the evening Mr Zetter presented Mr Bernard Gallacher with the Waterford Crystal award. and Mr Paul Dickenson with the Roy Moor award. Among those The Athenaeum

present were:
The Secretary of State for National
Heritage and Mr Peter Bottomiey,
MP, the Chairman of the
Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

His Honour Nathaniel Micklem

A dinner to mark the retirement st July of His Honour Judge Micklem, Birmingham's first Chancery judge, was held at the ham Botanical Gardens on Friday, February 9, by the Midlands Chancery & Commercial Bar Association and the Mid-

land & Oxford Circuit. Among those present were:

Mr - Justice Knoz, Mr Justice Chadwick (chancery supervising judge), Judge Crawford, QC (Recorder of Birmingham), Judge Weeks, QC, Judge Malcolm Lee, QC, Judge Richard Gibbs, QC, Mr Recorder Boggis, QC, Mr Richard Walterley, QC (leader of the circuit. Mr David Stembridge, QC, Mr John Mitting, QC (chairman of the association), Mr John Randall, QC, and some 33 other members of the par.

Dr D.O. Hall was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Sir John Maddox was

Birthdays today

Mr Michael Attenborough, executive producer, Royal Shakespeare Company, 46; Dr D.V. Atterton, chairman, Guinness Mahon Holdings, 69: Mr David Banks, editorial director, Mirror Group Newspapers, 48; Miss Caroline Blakiston, actress, 63; Mr Liam Brady, football manager, 40: Professor Derek Burke, former Vice-Chancellor, University of East Anglia, 66: Earl Cadogan, 82: Dr J.P. Clayton, former Apothecary to HM Household at Wiridsor, 75; Miss M.E. Collins, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 69; Mr Gareth Davies, chairman, Glynwed International, 66; Professor Janet Finch, Vice-Chancellor, Keele University, 50; Baroness Keele University, 50; Baroness Flather, 62; Dr D.G. Hessayon, horticultural and agricultural au-thor, 68; Professor Lord Lewis of Newnham, 68; Lord Lovat, 19; Mr John McAllion, MP. 48; Mr Gordon McMaster, MP. 36; Lord Manners, 73; Mr Colin Manthews, composer, 50; the Earl of Moray, 68; Miss Kim Novak, actress, 63; Mr Leonard Pascoe, cricketer, 46; Lord Peyton of Yeovil, 77; Lord Pym. 74; Mr Oliver Reed, actor, 58; Miss Margaretta Scott, actors, 84; Mr George Segal, actor, 62; M Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, author 'and politician, 72; Dr Donald Sykes, former Principa Mansfield College Oxford, 66.

School news

St George's School,

Windsor Castle
A Reception for Old Boys and A reception for Old Boys and friends of the school will take place at the Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall. on Thursday, March 7, 1996, from 6.00-8.00pm. Those wishing to attend should contact Maurene Wilson at the School. 01753 St Mary's School, Caine

The Governors of St Mary's School, Calne, and its Prep School, St Margaret's, are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Carolyn Shaw from Cheltenham Ladies' College to be Headmistress in September 1996 in succession to Miss Delscey Burns.

Lectures

The Royal Academy

The Royal Academy of Engineering
The President of The Royal Academy of Engineering. Sir William Barlow, FEng. presided at the 1996 Royal Academy of Engineering/Royal Society of Edinburgh Lecture held last night at the University of Strathedyde, Glasgow. The guest soraker was Lord Cullen. guest speaker was Lord Cullen, HonFeng, FRSE, Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland, who spoke on The Development of Softett Lorielation. Safety Legislation'.

The Pilgrims
Lord Sherfield delivered the inugural Pilgrims "Reflections" lecture held in partnership with the Royal Society for the Encourage-ment of Arts Manufactures and Commerce, last night at 8 John Adam Street. Miss Prue Leith, chairman of the society, and Mr Robert M. Worcester, Chairman of The Pilonims were the hosts Sir Peter Marshall also spoke. Among

Peter Marshall also spoke. Amoing those present were:

'this own and Viscountess Norwich, Lord Greenhill of Harrow, the Hon Sir Peter and Lady Ramsbotham, the Hon Sir Peter and Lady Ramsbotham, the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, Sir Graham Wilkinson, Sir Anthony Cleaver, Sir Michael and Lady Craig-Cooper, Sir Eric and Lady Craig-Cooper, Sir Eric and Lady Drake, Mr and the Hon Mrs Oliver Colman; Sir Campbell Fraser, Sir David and Lady Hardy, Sir Peter and Lady Heap, Sir Frank Laylield, OC, and Lady Laylield, Sir Frank Roberts, Sir Althony Toke: Mr Peter Viggers, Mr, and Mrs Viggers, Mr Peter Barton, Mr P James Butler, Mr Peter Barton, Mr P James Butler, Mr Jon Foulds, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, Mr J Watcyn-Lewis, Dr George Rankine and Mr and Mrs Robert Sigmon.



THIS engraved glass panel has been installed in the new Jacqueline du Pré Music Room at St Hilda's College, Oxford, Jim McCue writes. It was engraved by Laurence Whistler (who has just celebrated his 84th birthday) and his son Simon, a viola player who occasionally played with du Pré.

The staves of music engraved by Simon, show passages from her repertoire, including Brahms, Dvořák, Saint-Saëns and the Elgar concerto which she made her own. Laurence

Whistler's design omits incessentials, such as du Pré's facial features. The musician is no. more than a head and arms. The instrument itself has become her body, as she became an embodiment of the mosic. The glow of the cello, the sparkle of the crown and sensuous tresses evoke the warmth of her perfor mances, while the ribbon of staves suggests the dance of the music and the different styles of playing sometimes smooth sometimes abrupt and jagged.

University news

ications Systems.

Readership

Appointment

Mr Christopher Mark Glyn Ockelton to be a full-time Im-

King's College London The following appointments have

Dr Howard Gospel to the Chair of Management, from September I. He joins King's from Pembroke College, Oxford, where he is Rhodes Lecturer in Management Sudies (Organisational Behaviour and, Human Resource Manage-

Dr Alessandro Schiesaro to the Literature, from July 1. He joins the college from Princeton Univer-sity where he is Assistant Professor of Classics. Readership

Dr John Gardner to be Reader in Legal Philosophy, from September. He joins the college from Brasenose College, Oxford, where he is Fellow and Tutor in Law. Promotions - '

Chairs
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Chelton to be a full-time Immigration Adjudicator, designated as a special adjudicator, with effect from today. Mr Ockelton will sit in Dr David Beighton. Reader in Leeds.

Anniversaries . Dental Sciences, to be Professor of Oral Microbiology.

BIRTHS: John Hunter, physiologist and surgeon, East Kilbride, 1723; Lord Randolph Churchill, statesman, Blenheim Palace, 1849; Dr Trevor Clarkson. Reader in the statestrian, nearestan ratace, torri, feodor Chaliapin, singer and ac-tor, Kazan, Russia, 1873; Eletinor-Farjeon, writer of children's wase and stories, London, 1881; Georges Electrical Engineering to be Professor of Intelligent Commun-Simenon, writer and creator of Maigret, Liege, 1991. Dr Ghulam J Mufti, Clinica Senior Lecturer in Haematologica

DEATMS: Bervenuto Cellini, sculptor and goldsmith, Florence, Medicine, to be Professor of Haematological Oncology. 1571; Jacopo da Bassano, painter Bassano, Venice, 1592; Cotton Dr Mark Sandler, Reader in the Mather, Puritan and writer, Bos-Electrical Engineering, to be Professor of Signal Processing. Readership ton, Massachusens, 1728; Richard Wagner, composer. Venice, 1833: Georges Rouault, Expressionist painter, Paris, 1938; Dame-Christabel Pankhurst, soffragette, Los Angeles, 1938. Dr Adrian Bomford, Senior Lec-

turer in the Institute of Liver Studies, to be Reader in Medicine. Los Angeles, 1958.

The accession of William III and Mary, 1689.
The massacre of the Macdonalds at Glencoe by the Campbells, 1692.
The Dutch spy Mata Hari was arrested by the French, 1917.
The Nuffield Foundation was

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.R. Buckley and Miss LJ.R. Harman

This engagement is announced between Damian, son of Mr and Mrs S.H. Buckley, of West Haddon, Northamptonshire, and Lucy-Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs LM, Harman, of Auckland, New

The Rev C.J. Davis and Wiss M.E. Juckes
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim. Davis, of Tumbridge. Wells, and Mary. daughter of Mr. Rarrimston. luckes, of Little Barrington. Mr S.J.W. Emmerson and Miss A. O'Brien

and Mrs John Walker Emmerson, of Durban, South Africa, and Aine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. Gerard O'Brien, of Birr, Ireland. Captain R.J.W. Williams. and Miss S.V.R. Morris The engagement is announced between Captain Richard Wil-liams, MC, Welsh Guards, only

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr

hams, MC, weish Gharus, only son of Brigadier and Mrs Peter. Williams, of Croutin, Cambridge-shire, and Sarah, younger daugh-ter of Dr. Robert Morris, of Soutsdale, Arzona, and Mrs. Diana Morris; of Bath, Avon.

Mr M.R.C. Hime and Miss L. Burfitt The engagement is announced between Martin Ronald Christian.

son of Mrs Michael Cullimore, of Bournemouth, Dorset, and of Mr Martin Hime and stepson of Mrs Hime of Rochampton, London, and Lucienne, daughter of Dr Richard Burfitt, of Athens, Greece, and Mrs Michael Lee, of East

Marriage

Mr K.A. Omilana and Miss R.K.E. Tarling The marriage was celebrated on February 10, at St Michael's. Chester Square, London, SWI, between Mr Kunle Omilana, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Omilana, of He, Nigeria, and Miss Rebecca Tarling, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nikolas Tarling, of Markham Square, London, SW3. ...

Square London, SW3.

The bride was attended by
Cattlerine Squires, Leysa Kay,
Camilla Tarling, Serena Tarling,
Sophie Robson, Clare Robson,
Olivia Abrahams, Misha Burgess and Maxie Abrahams. Mr Mike Burgess was best man.

A reception was held at the Hurlingham Club and the honeymoon will be spent in China.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal

CAPTARN: W N P Batho - CNOCS Portsdown as CO 1.596, P.G. Hore.
- MGD London 26.7.96; J. H.
Morgan - MOD Bath 17.5.96. Morgan - MOD Bath 17.596.
COMMANDER: A A S Adam Battleaur in End 31.5.96; C J ClayStaff of ZSL/CNH 21.6.96; D M
Craig - Sultan 14.96; P S
Eaglestone - DCTA Andover
194.96; I B Gauld - Staff of
2SL/CNH 12.3.96; A K Grant
zschange USA 23.8.96; J H
Hollidge - MOD Bath 24.5.96; M J
Robbins - Excellent 12.4.96; C E
Stanley - RNSC Greenwich
29.3.96; R G. Thern - SACLANT

293.96 R. G. Thorn — SACLANT USA 16.896. SURGEON COMMANDER: A S C Allison - Staff of 2SL/CNH 35.96; J. R. Broome - Neptrine LOCAL LIEUTENANT COLO-NEL-H.De tager - RMR Type as

CO 16.796. CNAPLAIN: S.J.Brown Raleigh 293.96; W.J. Marifelts Collingwood 19.4.96; J.K.Wanson -Drake CBP 8.4.96.

OMMODORE: B S Morgan LOCAL LIEUTENANT OFLO NEW A FB Troup - 6496 TSURGEON COMMAND CHAPLAIN: D. H. Goodfar 6.5.96

MAJOR GENERAL: Major General C. J. Efflott to be Director General Individual Training Circle of the Royal Over-Seas 12.296; Brigadier G. A. Ewer in be Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Logistics), 16.296 in the rank of Major General.

Association was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St. James's Miss Madge Gill presided.

Major veneral.

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CO 1 Bn Reme, 16.2.96; R F Robinson RLC - To be CO 21 Log Sp Regt RLC, 122.96; P Snow RLC To HQ Chilwell Station, 18.2.96; CM I Tennent KRH - To JHQ IT. 12.296; B W McCall Reme - To MOD, 12.296; J R C SAVILLE Reme - To HQ Reme Trg Gp. 12.2.96.

COLONEL P H Gibson late Reme, 13.296 Royal Air Force

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Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Mr: Adrian Coles, Director-General of The Building Societies'

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The Nutfield Foundation was established, 1943.

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a huncheon held yesterday at 122.96; R.A Martin Reme - To be Arborfield.

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BIRTHS BEAUMORT - On January 30th 1996, to Catherine (née Bund) and lan. a besulfful Bund lan. a besulful Alexandra Grace La Touche. IGGS - Maree and Darrin rould like to announce the outh of their designier Bella Grace Ahern, on Priday 9th February. A big Bhank you t all the staff at St Mary's.

COLES - On 6th Petrustry, to Mary and Trevor, a daughter, Della Caroline Amethy, a sister for Alexander.

COOKSON - On February 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Polly (née Morris) and Richard, a daughter, Katya Lucy Hékane. COLES - On 6th Peterskry, to PATTORINI - On 30th

FEENAN - On February 8th at The Portland Hospital, to William and Beth and daughters Slobban and HALL - On January 25th, to Entite (nie Livermore) and Louis, a daughter, isobel Sophie, a sister for Charlie. HAMKINS - At The Portland Hossital on February 6th 1996 to Tony and Linda Hankins, a son, James Anthony, a brother for COUTEDBY.
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HETZEL - On 6th Petruary, in Cincinnati. USA, to Kate (pée McCoy) and Jim. a daughter.

AGE - On February 2nd 1996. to Deirdra Mografian and Roger, a daughter. Katherine (Kitty) May Dorothy, a sister for Elien. MOODY - On 11th February. to Wendy and Paul of Kinsale, Co. Cork, a fine son, William PHOE - On February 7th. to Claire (née Lloyd) and Michael, a daughter, Olivia Catherine Pepita, a sister for

Catherine Pepita. a sister for Heiena.

Pyrill 9 - On Feirmary 2nd 1996, to Keelin and Peter, a son.

RENCHNER-KELLY - On January 27th in Mount and Peter, a daughter, Julia and Edith, Fernibough, dear mother, grandmother, Pumeral at 1.30 km on Thursday 15th February at Barham Cramatorium.

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To Julia and Peter, a 510033.

BHELAKER - To Rachel and David, a Roman Daniel, on 2nd Edward 1995 David a son. Daniel on 2nd February 1996.

STILEMAN - On February 10th, to Rebecca (née Cremer) and William. a son; Thomas William. a brother for Kotle, Harry and Anna.

SWINDON! - On 28th January to Shereine (née Charman) and Shephen, a daughter. Phoebe Rac.

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ZETTER-WELLS - On
February 12th 1996, to
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Lawrence, a daughter. DEATHS

ALEXANDER - Marton Cachy
(née Robinson) on 7th
February suddenty in
Singapore aged 85.
ANGELL - Viasta, née.
Cermakova, formerly of
Glomotec, Czechéslovakia,
died peaceruity on 8th
February 1996, aged 72
years, faithful friend, and
beloved wite of Bill for forty
years, beloved mother of
Randolph, Julie, William and
Robert and grandruother of
William, Wilfred, Sonas and
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and inferment at a inter date.
APTHORPE - On February
10th 1996, peacefully at his
home in Speakall, Raghnild
Georye aged 93 years.
Cherished husband of the
inter Joy, dear faither of Tim.
Robin, Jomma and George
and a loved grandfather.
Funeral Service at Speakall
Church on Monday 19th
February 1996 at 12 noon.
Flowers or densitions for the
R.S.P.B. may be sent c/o
Woolnoughs - Funeral
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BOMFORD - Guy Brigadier
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Road Finlesworth, Suffolk, SOMFORD - Cay Rigadler (sair R.E.) ORE. DSC. dearly loved husband of Annethe and father of Anthony. Christopher and Rodney; aged 96. Im 10th February searching at home. Funeral on 21st February at All Saints. Church. Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire at 35m. Flowers and enquiries to R.H. Barker F.D. 40. Wannee Road, Didoot, Cass. OX11 OBT. Tel: (01235) 510033.

DEATHS BULLETT - On February

11th, at home, June Annie,
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on 19th February at 11 am,
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ting Street, Maidetone.

GARMICHAEL - Duncan (Dugle) on February Sth 1996 suddenly in Accra, Chana, West Africa. Aged 76 years. Desiry loved husband of Patricia. Father and friend to John. George and Kinstha. Grandpa to Hannay. Georgetis and Trish. Battle of Britain Fighter Pilot flurricaners saw service in Europe. Africa and the Middle East. Managing Director of W.F. Clarke (Chana) Lid for 30 years. Sleep well Cid Conster. son of Chan. You are forwer in our hearts. Donations. If desired, to RAF Benevolent Fund or St. John Ambrisanc. c/o The Bristol Bond. PO Sox 763. Bristol B099 12J.

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CROMBIE - Peacetoffly on 9th February. Alletair Cometon. Loving husband of the inte Nancy. father of lan (deceased). Soptile. Charles. James and Micholas: grandiather of Tour. Oitvia. Jessica. Celia. Angus and Timothy and step-grandiather of Jo. Zoe and Fiona. Burial at Ramsell. Yorksidre on Monday 19th February at 12 pm. Flowers no wreaths pleased and all enquiries to Lee and Holmes Functal Directors (01425) 712062. Memorial Service and Requisin Mass to be held in Oxford at a later date.

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DAWE - On February 9th, Feacefully in the devoted care of Burwash Place. Lacoold Redverts in the Selling year, Fathers of Enist and the later horson, grandfather of Georgins. Adam and Lucinds. Formatly Foreign Manager of Ultimana and Co., Frentish of the CRy of London. He will be granly adased. Funeral at Survey and Sussex Crematorium. Worth at 2.00 pm on Monday 19th February. Frently Rowers carly Siese. Donations if desired for Marie Curie Mamorial Foundation in Ballard and Shortas. Crayloy.

DERNEACH - Miette died bescribilly on the February. There will be a private crematon on 18th February at Putney Vale Crematorium. Send Rowers to Chaises Funeral Direction. 2608 Funnan Road, SW10 SEL by 12 noon of a donation to the imperial Cancer Resseath Fund, 61 Lincoln's lan Fields, WC2.

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DYSON - Peacetally, after a stort filmens, at The Princets of Walss Housted, Bridgend. In his eightleth year. Dr. Frank Laurence Dyson. M.D. Fr.C.P., of Colwinaton. Beloved husband of Philippa, Juster of John. Robert and Peter. Private cremation at Mid Glamorgan Cramatorium. Coychurch, Bridgend. A Memorial Service will lake pione at All Suchn Cuarch, Porthcawl on Thursday february 15th 1996 at 2 pn. EvASS - David Noel suddenty on 6th February, beloved husband of Sustame, loving and Martine and grandfather of Eleanor Jane. Engardes regarding funnal grangscounts and donaficus to St John's Ambulsaye, in Ben of flowers, please contact. H. Peageod & Son, Funezal Directors (01799) 625314.
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DEATHS HODGES Joan (née Edmisson), sudienty on 9th Pahrusry 1996, aged \$2, Widow of Donald Ernest, dear wife of Nor Stymous Stringer. Beloved mother of Gillen and Michael, dearest grandmother of Toby and Laura. Christopher and Jemisser. Puneral at St Mary County. Fawier, m. Hessey-on-Theme. 4 pm. Thursday. 18th February. Flowers or denations to the National Outcoporosis Society. \$c/o Tomath & Son. 38 Reading Road. Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1AG.

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Susan. beloved wife of Martin and mother of Richard. Fiour. Sareh. Henriette and Katie. Peacetally, at the Primage Hospital, Northellerion on February 10th. Funeral 2.30pm Thesday February 13th at Hawnby Parish Church. Flowers to Hutten Church. Flowers to Hutten Flowers. Thirsk Road. Northallerion. Mamorial Service St Margaret's, Westminster, details to be amoutined date.

REAACE - Suphie, on 12th Fubruary 1996 aged 84. beloved mother of Norman and David. Fushait Golden's Green Crematorium, Wodnesday 14th Pebruary st. 4 pm. JACOBS - Eruss Jane Colvin Cale Bryson) on February Sh peacefully at The Royal Free Hospital. Hampsteed, after a long liness bornewith characteristic courses and steamington. Seleved wife of Phil. ledge inother of Maddeine and Penn, steam of Georgina and Harriet, daughter of Lawrence and Harriet, daughter of Lawrence and Hillary. Private family funeral and dowers, but any donations in her memory would be welcome by The Royal Free Liver Patience's Support Group. The Reput Free Hospital, Hampsteed, NWS 2QG (market for Research).

DEATHS JAGGER - Kuthleen Winthred (Kay) on Friday 9th February peacefully at Sutton Veny House Nursing Home, Willishire, in her 102nd year, last remaining dampins of the late Mr and Mrs Charles Upfill Jagger. Beloved hunt, great-sunt and great-great-aunt. Cremation 12 noon Tuesday 20th. February 1996 at Haycombe Crematorium, Buth.

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MALE - On Sunday Pebruary
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DEATHS MONROE - On 7th Pebruary 1996 whilst on holiday at the Cape, Kenneth, dearly loved, husband of Sue and a devoted father and grandfather. A Memorial Service to be arranged at a labor date. hibr date.
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DEATHS -SINCLAIR - Mollie Chady

SINCLAIR - Mollie (Lindy Sinches) peacefully at the Epson Beaumont, on Friday Sh February, after a short illness, aged 22. Beloved widow of Leonard and dear mother of Alban. She will also be greatly missed by her grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. and greatgrandchildren. and greatgrandchildren. Private funeral at Randail's Park Lastifisheds on Thursday 16th Family flowers only. Spencially on February 10th 1996 after a brief liness. Widow of Rodney String, mother of Hugh, and Sandy and grandmother of Jamie, Olivia, Sarah and Catherine. Private, crandition followed by a Service of Thurslayting at St Michael and All Angels, withy hum. Sinssey. On

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Directors, 22 Brunswick
Place, Dewilsh, Deven.

WATLINGTON - Victor died peacefully at his daughter's home on February 6th 1996, aged 88 (reunited with Anne), loving and much loved father, grandfather and father-in-law of Nicky. Fran and David Pasiff., Fran and Bavice at Paradom Wood Crematorium (Harlow) on Friday 16th February at 5 pm. No flowers by request domaines if wished to R.N.I.S. Enquiries to T.A.C. Lambart - C. C. Ltd., Funeral Directors. Woodford Green, bel: (0.181) 506-4372

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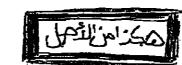
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OBITUARIES

Gerald Savory, playwright and former Head of Plays at BBC Television, died on February 9 aged 86. He was born on November 17, 1909.

GERALD SAVORY was the young playwright who enchanted West End audiences during the late 1930s with a light suburban comedy entitled George and Margaret. The play ran for two years at Wyndham's Theatre and clocked up an impressive 799 performances. It was a phenomenal triumph for the youthful Savory, and a sophisticated piece of writing which sparked enthusiastic comparisons with Terence Rattigan and Noël Coward. His humour, as The Times critic noted in 1937, arose not so much from original situation, or even particularly from wit, as from "a kind of unfailing aptness and even exaggeration of the commonolace'

The H. M. Tennent impresario Hugh ("Binkie") Beaumont, whose organisation had profited enormously from the play's success, asked Noel Coward to take it to Broadway. But Coward mistakenly had parts of it rewritten — for which he always blamed himself — and the play suffered the added misfortune of appearing in the same Broadway season as Rattigan's French Without Tears. It ran for barely two months in New York and never recaptured the

success of its long London run. That hardly mattered to Savory, whose name was made in Britain, and who became known ever afterwards irritatingly for him, perhaps, consider-ing his subsequent elevation to be head

GERALD SAVORY



of BBC plays - as the man who had

written George and Margaret. Gerald Douglas Savory was the son of two actors, both of whom were reluctant to see their son join them in such a precarious profession. He was educated at Bradfield College and then, having failed in his first jobs as a stockbroker's clerk and a private tutor, joined his parents on the boards. He made his professional debut at the Playhouse in Whitley Bay in 1931 as Mr Smith in It Pays to Advertise. The 1930s were spent learning his craft in repertory companies in Hull, Brighton and Bournemouth, and in touring Canada and Australia with his mother, a popular actress named Grace Lane.

George and Margaret was his first

play and was written while he was on

liberal Hampstead family, slowly simmering to boiling point, as they wait for the George and Margaret of the title to arrive (they never do). It was demonstrably an actor's piece of writ-ing, full of excellent lines and with genuine opportunities for light comic performances. It was tried out by the Repertory Players, and was then spotted by Binkie Beaumont who brought it. in a new production, to Wyndham's and made it his first big commercial success. A film version followed in 1940, by which time Savory had been lured to the Hollywood studios by Alfred Hitchcock, and he became an American citizen. He was soon bored, however, rewrit-

tour. It concerned the frustrations of a

ing other people's scripts and a crisis point was reached when he was sent the script for Ninotchka. He was no fan of either the writing or the leading actress - Greta Garbo - and he marched into his boss's office to make clear that he could not bear "that Swedish woman". His head of department politely suggested that Savory should leave, and by the time he had retraced his steps to his own office, Savory found his name had been struck off the door, A then little-known writer called Billy Wilder took over the project in his place.

Savory meanwhile directed summer stock, and gave Grace Kelly one of her first jobs. She was grateful and introduced him to her father, Jack Kelly, who owned television stations in Chicago. By this means Savory entered the highly unpredictable world of live television, overseeing the transmission of plays five nights a week.

He continued to write plays, at the rate of almost one a year in the early days. The second, Good and Proper (1939), was about an unhappily married couple, and contained an excellent part for Savory's mother. It was the success of A Likely Tale (1956) at the Globe, however, starring Robert Morley and Margaret Rutherford, which prompted his return to London.

Savory's experience in American television led to an appointment first at Granada TV in 1964 as executive producer, then at the BBC, as head of plays, 1965-72. This was a period when production of new drama was a high priority in the corporation — ABC and Granada had set the pace — and Savory's department had a lot of catching-up to do. Projects during his tenure included The Six Wives of Henry VIII, Elizabeth R and Cathy Come Home. In 1975 there was the monumental Churchill's People, based on Winston Churchill's History of the English-Speaking Peoples.

After leaving the plays department, and with no official post, Savory worked on whatever interested him. There was an adaptation of Bram Stoker's Dracula for BBC2 in 1976; work for Thames in the late 1970s on Nancy Mitford's Love in a Cold Climate; and an adaptation of E. F. Benson's Mapp and Lucia, for London Weekend Television.

Savory was married four times. His first marriage ended in divorce, and his second and third wives prede-ceased him. He is survived by his fourth wife, the actress Sheila Brennan, whom he married in 1970, and by a stepson from that marriage.

MERCER ELLINGTON

Mercer Ellington, jazz rumpeter, composer and bandleader, died in Copenhagen on February 8 aged 76. He was born in Washington DC on March II, 1919.

DESPITE considerable achievements as a musician in his own right, Mercer Ellington's career was inextricably bound up with that of his father, Duke Mercer played the trumpet in his father's band from 1965 until 1974, and was his copyist and road manager for longer than that. He also conducted whenever his father was indisposed or absent. Some of the band's bestknown hits (including Things Ain't What They Used To Be from 1941) were written by Mercer, yet for the most part he assumed a background role, seldom publicly acknowl-edged by his father.

The relationship between father and son was complex, at its worst becoming what Mercer described as a "cold war", but at its best leading to their collaboration on the ballet Three Black Kings during Duke's final illness and stay in hospital. It was never easy for Mercer to establish his independence as a musician, even after his father's death in 1974. when Mercer took over the Ellington Orchestra. In his autobiography Duke Ellington wrote "My son ... is dedicated to maintaining the lustre of his father's image."

Mercer Kennedy Ellington was born before his father became famous. When his mother. Edna, separated from his father in the late 1920s he moved to New York with his grandparents, who made a home for the increasingly successful Duke in Edgecombe Avenue, Harlem. Mercer grew up with his father's younger sister Ruth, and he learnt the rudiments of composition listening half-awake to his father playing the piano in the small hours of the

morning. Mercer showed a talent for composition, helped by his father: "He'd leave me problems to solve by the time he got

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were still a new phenomenon.

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Augustus John's "If you

don't shut up I'll paint you as

you are", for instance, or

Quiller-Couch's "if you think

a public meeting can compose a ballad, just call one and see"

- helped to attract an unex-

pectedly wide audience. A long

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provided the author's mill

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back...he never put a note down, but he scratched out what was in poor taste." Mercer then entered the Academy of Musical Art to study composition, saxophone and trumpet.

Duke's hand recorded Mercer's compositions from the late 1930s, but when Mercer formed his own band in 1939, despite his father's advice to capitalise on his name and play Duke's music, Mercer steadfastly refused. After a short spell in the Services with Sy Oliver's US Army Band, Mercer led his own group for much of the 1940s, issuing his first discs in 1946. The pianist on those records was the English critic Leonard Feather, who formed a record company with Mercer in the early 1950s.

arranger, producer and manager, and he went on to produce record sessions for the rest of his life, including one with Cleo Laine only last year. He joined Cootie Williams's band in the 1950s as trumpeter and road manager.

Mercer became a successful

before repeating the job with Duke.

Mercer's first years leading his late father's band were successful, and he performed many of the longer compositions Duke had only played a few times in public. As the older members left or died, the band drifted further from Duke's legacy. Mercer directed his father's music in the Broadway show Sophisticated Ladies in the early 1980s. but at the end of the decade he settled in Copenhagen, only sporadically returning to New York for occasional bandleading.

He made some excellent recordings with his late father's band, including his own extended suite Music Is My Mistress. He supervised the acquisition by the Smithsonian Institution of the Ellington archive of scores, and similarly passed the recorded legacy to Danish Radio.

He is survived by two daughters and two sons, including the guitarist Edward

THE HON HONOR EARL

The Hon Honor Earl, portrait painter, died on February 2 aged 94. She was born on March 24, 1901.

ENLIVENING patrician elegarice with a vigorous dash of bohemian eccentricity, Honor Earl breezed through the upper echelons of society garnering subjects for her painter's brush. Her pastel portraits caught the expressions of the most eminent people of her day, including four generations of the Royal Family and some of the most dazzling stars of stage and screen.

But though herself ravishingly beautiful, Honor Earl found merely pretty features "boring" to paint. She preferred faces of character and often chose as her subjects her cleaning lady, down-and-outs on the London streets, and prostitutes and criminals whom she came to know unng her many years service as a prison visitor.

But it was in the portraiture of children - an area from which most artists shy - that Honor Earl specialised. Again she chose her sitters from across the widest spectrum of society, her subjects ranging from Peter Phillips, the Queen's first grandchild, to Christopher, a severely crip-pled Barnardo orphan. She



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uncle, hoping perhaps to elicit a denial. But the aged Somerset Maugham stuttered in reply: "He is p-p-perfectly correct. I think he is the most detestable old gentleman." Somerset Maugham did not

take to Honor either, perhaps offended by her childish tactlessness - she once broached in his presence the forbidden subject of his liaison with another man. Honor described herself as her uncle's . "least favourite niece". But though this did not worry her unduly — she hated the dreary holidays spent with him at Cap Ferat — she was ing without lears, pron stupidity.

when drawing that she felt a complete self-confidence.

In 1937 Honor Earl became a prison visitor "I have seen so many tragic people whose misery could have been avoided by the right treatment," she said. Forming close friendships with prisoners in Holloway and in girls' borstals she realised for the first time that "great good could coexist with great evil, and without the good being impaired."

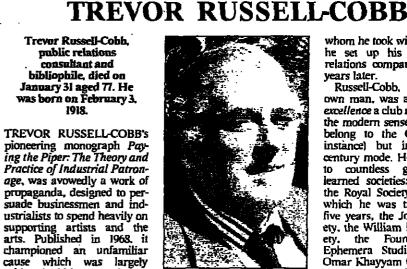
Honor Earl was always to remain broad-minded in her outlook. Indeed her brother Robin -- a quixotic figure who lived a life of reckless extravagance and of a certain disrepute - dedicated his book about homosexuality The Wrong People to her because he considered her the most liberal member of his family. Throughout her life she

combined her talent for painting - a skill which she compared to that of a performing seal ("I have learnt how to do certain tricks") - with charitable work. During the war she fought to draw attention to the waste of refugee talent to the war effort and raised funds for the All-Nations Voluntary Service League by selling her works. But, though she supported a wide range of charities, her principal concern was for under-privileged children. The proceeds of her exhibitions were donated to, among other causes, the National Council for the Unmarried Mother and Child. Save the Children, and the Actors' Orphanage. For this last she did portraits of more than 75 stage and film stars. She later followed it with an exhibition called Children of the Stars the proceeds of which went to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Honor Earl also founded and acted as chairman of the Young Musicians Fund. a charity to help young people who showed outstanding musical ability but whose parents were not in a position to pay for tuition.

Though Honor Earl continued to work into old age, she declared that she "looked forward like anything to dying". A lifelong member of the College of Psychic Studies, she had a great interest in the spirit world and believed herself to have been visited by wraiths from the afterlife. Honor Earl's husband Se-

bastian predeceased her. She is survived by a son.



rary of some 30,000 titles provided not only the fount of his exceptional knowledge of literature but also the foundations of his small house in Pimlico: without their support. his friends feared, its very walls would collapse.

The son of a soldier and a singer - his mother taught at the Webber-Douglas School --Trevor Russell-Cobb was educated at Wellington College and trained as a pianist at the Royal College of Music (*) was Moiserwitch's worst pupil", he used to say). In 1939, after a brief spell in the City, he enlisted in the Welsh Guards. serving with the Eighth Army and rising to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. After the war he joined the British Council and, later, the technical assistance department of the United Nations. In 1955 he found his profes-

Literary Supplement, prissily written and largely hostile, sional métier as a director of the firm of Campbell-Johnson. For a man to whom a love of at that time one of London's books meant far more than the leading public relations conpursuit of his chosen professultants. His clients there insion, such success was re-markable. Russell-Cobb's libcluded the Tobacco Research Council and Watney Mann.

whom he took with him when he set up his own public relations company some ten vears later.

Russell-Cobb, always his own man, was also and par excellence a club man - not in the modern sense (he did not belong to the Garrick, for instance) but in the 18thcentury mode. He subscribed to countless groups and learned societies: notably to the Royal Society of Arts, of which he was treasurer for five years, the Johnson Society, the William Morris Society, the Foundation for Ephemera Studies and the Omar Khayyam Club. For 25 years he was a director of the English Chamber Orchestra and he was a trustee of the Sir John Soane's Museum until his death. More than all else. Russell-

Cobb loved to talk - about words, ideas, music, literature, especially about Dr Johnson, whom he came to resemble. In conversation he usually chose to take the contrary, unexpected view. simply for the fun of it; he assumed in his companions a flatteringly wide knowledge. both general and esoteric, and if they failed to measure up he would enlighten them with grace as well as wit. In the preface to Paying the Piper he quoted Man Ray: "I have made some of my listeners think, and it sometimes made them angry, but I have also made others angry, and it has made them think." In Trevor Russell-Cobb's case, for

angry" read happy.
Trevor Russell-Cobb is survived by a son and daughter of his first marriage to Suzanne, who also survives him, and by two sons of his second wife. Nan, who died in 1979.

GROUP THEATRE "ON THE FRONTIER"

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Though, in its bitter end, this play does not go beyond an advocacy of hatred and of heroic death on the barricades, and is, therefore, slashed across by the familiar confusion of those who will not or cannot distinguish between a political dislike of war and a spiritual perception of the futility of all violence, it is conspicuously more mature and, in the highest sense, more charitable than the dramatists' other work. It is, too, steadier in

ON THIS DAY

February 13, 1939

On the Frontier was one of the three plays W.H. Auden wrote in collaboration with Christopher Isherwood in the 1930s - the others were The Dog Beneath the Skin and The Ascent of F6.

dramatic movement, less flippant in tone, simpler in structure, and happily free from those interludes of farrical deliance that have in the past seemed to associate the idea of revolution with the pulling away of chairs by turbulent nephews or the laying down of orangepeel by intellectual street-urchins. A genuine attempt has been made to state the view of a great capitalist and to attack him with argued satire. Even the dictator of Westland, while being held up as a hysterical lunatic, is considered with seeing eyes, and Mr. Ernest Milton is enabled to draw a portrait of a human being with humour in its terrors and truth in its extravagancies. Two States, Ostnia and Westland, go

to war. The foliles of extreme nationalism, the delusions and sufferings of the peoples, the deadly similarity of propaganda, from whatever source, the uselessness of warlike effort-all these are set out in scenes, adroitly interlocked, which carry the audience from a small home in one country to a like home in the other, or from the tranches into the presence of a dictator. Characters are seldom allowed to remain impersonal symbols, but are endowed with enough individuality and life to enable recitation to cease and acting to begin ... The point to remark about the play as a whole is that, altogether apart from its merits or demerits as propaganda, it has a considerable spark of theatrical life, and can be watched with continuous interest even by those who do not come to a theatre in the same spirit in which they attend a political meeting.

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stricken by the knowledge that she was also a disappointment to her mother, whom she adored. While Honor's brother and two sisters were all very bright, Honor had dyslexia, a condition that had not yet been recognised at that time. She was always to remember sobbing her heart out over Readouncing the word god instead of dog, while her French governess berated her for her It was only when she discovered her talent for drawing that her life changed. "She's half-witted in most ways but she draws," everybody said. Art became Honor's lifeline, and even in old age she would still confess that it was only

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The IoD Directors Direct service will provide small firms with the CVs of suitable candidates. The service costs E850 plus VAT. David Treadwell, IoD head of board appointments, said: "An independent oice on a board, whatever the size of the company, enhances good decision-making which ultimately leads to improved profitability. Essentially the role is to bring outside objectivity to what can so easily become a cosy and possibly complacent executive team.

Michael Snyder. Kingston Smith senior partner, said: "Our expectation is that if more smaller companies take the right kind of non-executives on to their board, it will contribute to a healthy and more successful small business sector." He added that companies with non-executive directors produce significantly higher profit margins and that the most successful entrepreneurs are those that are open-minded and listen to outside

He adds: "Applicants for the Gro-NED register must have direct experience of running smaller businesses, or have been closely involved in advising them. A nonexecutive director in a smaller company must be of real practical value and prove their worth in a measurable way. In big companies, they often have a policeman-like role, keeping an eye on the executives on behalf of the

Mr Snyder said non-executive directors would expect annual fees starting at £5.000 and would attend monthly board meetings and be available for ad hoc advice and consultation.

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A hard journey to success in the world of travel

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ersonal tragedy drove Alpa Shah into business on her own. After she and her husband arrived in Britain from Kenya in 1988, she obtained work as a systems analyst in a travel agency. Then in 1991 she was made redundant. Shortly after-wards her husband died on a visit to the US to make plans for the family to settle there. She was left with a five-year-old son and no income. "I wanted to work, but a nine-tofive job was out of the question." said Ms Shah. She particularly did not want to leave her son, Vikesh, in the care of someone else so soon after he had lost his father. Uncertain of what to do, she attended a two-week business course specifically for women. run by the Ealing Co-operative Development Agency, which gave her advice on how to set up in business. She decided to open a travel agency from home.

First she bought a limited com-pany "off the shelf". Then with a borrowed desk and chair, a typewriter and an arrangment to use someone else's fax, she started trading as Alvic Hotel Reservation Services. She did not want to be just any travel agent and decided to specialise in the music industry. She tried to persuade a family friend, who was a road manager in

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not face racial discrimination, I faced discrimination because I am a woman. But I made up my mind: never in my life will I give up." By then she had decided her selling point would be a 24-hour service to meet the late-night requirements of the entertainment industry. Her first client took her at her word and rang at 2.30am to make changes to the travel arrangements. At the end of the tour they were so satisfied that they intro-

Never give up": the motto that led Alpa Shah to her own travel agency at Alperton, west London

The music industry was totally

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duced her to other promoters and she was on her way. One of her

harmonic Orchestra, which re-sponded to a mailshot. It has stayed with her ever since. Others include Elaine Paige, Philip Schofield and pop groups. In 1994 she took on three staff. Four months ago the company expanded to offer travel services to the public and moved into premises in Alperton, west London. Last May she organised a seminar to help women to set up in business. It was attended by 110 women, two of whom have fol-

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lowed her lead.

Shortfall in training for managers 'hitting small firms'

THE training needs of small firms are not being met, according to a report by a Cambridge academic.
Much of what is on offer is geared to large companies and seen by owner-managers as far too theoretical. Government-provided train- . ing is often unsuitable.

The report, Developing Managers for the Stand-Alone Business. shows there is not yet a developed market for training in this sector. Barry Welch; the author, until recently Fellow in Management Studies at Downing College, beheves the disadvantage to small firms is of concern because they. depend entirely on the manager's

Although the sector is widely recognised as underpinning the economy; it may be underperforming significantly through lack of vital skills, the report suggests. Owner-managers, in whom all the roles and prospects of business are concentrated, are specially vulnerable and need support.

The survey shows the problems small businesses face in contrast to corporate concerns: early fragility dependence on a small number of people, shortage of resources, difficulty in raising finance, emphasis on current and short-term priorities, a need for versatility and skills which change with growth and a demand for access to external advice and assistance.

Nearly half the managers inter-viewed do not find training effective, especially in recruitment and planning. Yet most managers see training as a strategic investment, is at the right level and is practical Cost is a big concern for firms of between 25 and 50 employees.

Those with fewer than 20 regard £50 a day as the maximum. Those with up to 100 employees say £100. Not surprisingly, managers favour free or subsidised training or tax concessions, plus readily available

Training averages 2-3½ days a year. About 20 per cent have more than seven days; a quarter of firms with fewer than 200 have none. Advice on training is mainly from the training providers themselves and from training and enterprise councils, but smaller firms seek advice from professional institutions, personal contacts, accountants or banks rather than Tecs, "which still have to establish their credentials".

Programmes should group participants according business's stage of development. combine personal and business development, respect managers' knowledge of their firm and emphasise mutual help and networking. Programmes are best held after the working day, with a light buffer provided, for three hours, once a week for ten weeks.



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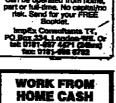
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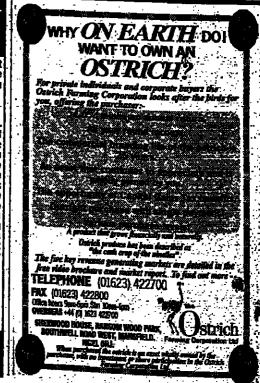
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THE TIMES TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13 1996 Court of Appeal Deposit of deeds does not create charge The plaintiff in September 1991 obtained judgment in the Queen's Beach Division gainst S in the wast S could not charge, namely both life legal title and beneficial interest in the property, in interest in the property in the legal title and beneficial interest in the property in the section of some stanuory pro The plaintiff in September 1991 obtained judgment in the Queen's Beach Division gainst S in the wast S could not charge, namely both life legal title and beneficial interest in the property, in the legal title and beneficial interest in the property in the legal title and beneficial interest in the property in the legal of the plaintiff in september 1991 obtained judgment in the Queen and a specific property in the legal of the section's effect. The deposit by way for security was troined as prime face of section 2 in the section's effect. The deposit by way for security was troined as prime face of section 2 in the section's effect. The plaintiff in September 1991 obtained judgment in the Queen and a security property of a security was troined as prime face of section 2 in the section's effect of the section

to be in writing in a document signed by both parties incorporating all the terms of the agreement, abolished the long established rule that a mere deposit of title deeds relating to a property by way of security created a valid equitable mortgage or charge of the property without more.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of the third defendant, Société Générale Alsacienne de Banque SA ("SoGenAl"), from part Banque SA (SOUENAI), from part of the judgment of Mr Justice Chadwick (The Times July 7, 1994; [1995] 2 WLR 94 in the Chancery Division when he granted a declaration that, as between SoGenAl and the plaintiff bank. United Bank of Kuwait plc. SoCenAl did not hold any equi-SoGenAl did not hold any equitable mortgage or charge over the undivided share belonging to the first defendant, Hadi Haji Sahib (S.), in the proceeds of sale of the property known as 37c Fitzjohn's Avenue, Hampstead, London.

Mr Christopher Pymont for the third defendant: Mr James Munby, QC, for the plaintiff; the first and second defendants did not ppear and were not represented. LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB

SON said that since Russel v. Russel ((1783) 1 Bro CC 269) a deposit of title deeds relating to a property by way of security had been taken to create an equitable mortgage of the property without any writing, notwithstanding section 4 of the Statute of Prauds 1677 and its successor, section 40 of the

in order to secure and enforce that judgment debt, together with costs and statutory interest from the date of judgment against, interest in the freehold.

The present proceedings were brought to enforce the charging order, but neither S nor the second lefendant, his wife, joint owner and person in possession of the property, had taken any substantial, part. The real issue was therefore between the plaintiff and SoGenAl which claimed an equitable mortgage over S's interest. That claim was based on, inter alia, an advance of £130,000 made by SoGenAl to S in September 1990 which was treated as between them as a series of successively renewed time deposits by SoGenAl with S. Ar no time did the wife authorise S's lawyers to hold the land certificate to the order of SoGenAl. Consequently, SoGenAl

They asked S's lawyers to act for then in order to regularise the security arrangements in respect of the property. No legal mortgage was executed by S and his wife, although by August 1992 correspondence contained a clear indication that S accepted SoGenAl was secured in respect of the time deposit current for the time being since he held the legal certificate for the property to SoGenAl's

did not have security over the

The judge below assumed S: would have been estopped from

His Lordship said that section 2 was enacted to give effect to that part of the Law Commission's report on transfer of land Formal-ities for Contracts for Sale etc of Land (Law Com No 164; June 29, 1987) which recommended repeal of section 40 of the 1925 Act and abolition of the doctrine of part contract for the sale or other disposition of an interest in land.

Thus, by section 2, a contract for a mortgage of or charge in any interest in land or in the proceeds of sale of land could only be made in writing and only if the written document incorporated all the terms which the parties had expressly agreed, and was signed by or on behalf of each party. It was not suggested that there was any such document in the present case The judge had correctly con-cluded (at pl 10) that the courts had

consistently treated the rule that a deposit of title deeds for the purpose of securing a debt operated, without more, as an equitable mortgage or charge as contract-based, and the courts were concerned to establish, by dence, what the parties intended. and then to enforce their common

interest as an agreement.
His Lordship emphasised the essential contractual foundation of the rule as demonstrated in the Wallis & Simmonds (Builders) Ltd

expressly or by necessary implica-tion repealed the 1925 Act and later tion repealed the two act and later-legislation recognising and extend-ing the scope of a security by deposit of title deeds. He drew attention to modern com-mentators conclusions that section 2 was not intended to repeal the rule: see Snell's Equity (29th ediruie see Sheir's Equity (29th edi-tion (1990) pp444-45); Cheshire and Burn's Modern Law of Real Property (15th edition (1994) p670) and "Informed dealings with land after section 2" Bently and Coughlan ((1990) 10 Legal Studies n325 341)

p325, 341). His Lordship differed with reluctance from such distin-guished lawyers but was not persuaded their views were cor-rect. The citation and reference to red. The channel and rescribe to earlier legislation was now subject to and in the light of the 1989 Act. The new formalities required by section 2 governed all dispositions

2 There was nothing in the Law Commission's report to suggest that security by deposit of title deeds was intended to be affected

or was even considered. His Lordship said that the inclusion of contracts to grant mortgages in the report's proposals was made plain in paragraph 4.3, and as security by deposit of title deeds took effec an agreement to mortgage, in logic there was no reason why security by deposit of title deeds should have been excepted from the proposals.

In any event, if the wording of section 2 was clear, as his Lordship believed it was, the absence from

by deposit of title deeds could not after the section's effect. 3 That the rule that a deposit of title deeds created a mortgage was not dependent on any actual contract between the parties, although, if there was one, that contract would govern the parties' rights, It had to comply with section 2 but that did comply with section 2 but was not affect the legal presumptions or inferences which arose when

His Lordship said that it was clear from the authorities that the deposit was treated as rebuttable evidence of a contract to mortgage. To allow inquiries, such as evidence to establish whether or not a deposit was intended to create a deposit was intended to create a mortgage security over the land and whether or not the original deposit was intended at the outset to be security for further advances, after the 1989 Act was quite inconsistent with section 2, requirements in the land of the ing as it did that the contract be made by a single document containing all the terms of the agreement if it was to be valid.

t seemed clear that the deposit of title deeds took effect as a contract to mortgage and fell within section 2. His Lordship agreed with the judge below (at pill) that the Law Commission's recommendation that contracts relating to land should be incor-porated in a signed document containing all the terms was clearly intended to promote cer-tainty, and that the new legislation was likely to have the effect of avoiding disputes on oral evidence as to the obligation which the

parties intended to secure. Therefore, by reason of section 2. the deposit of title deeds by way of security could not give a mortgage

Lord Justice Phillips gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Leggatt agreed with both. Solicitors: Radcliffes & Co: Clyde

Verdict on conspiracy count safe

Regina v O'hAdhmaill Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Latham and Mr Justice Hooper

[Reasons February 9] Where a trial judge refused defence counsel's suggestion, made for the first time at the end of the defence closing speech, that an alternative count of unlawful possession of explosives should be added to an indicament charging conspiracy to cause explosions, the salety of the jury's verdict of guilty on the conspiracy count could not

The Court of Appeal so stated in giving reserved reasons for having dismissed on February I the appeal of Feilim Padraic O'hAdhmaill, a former lecturer in sociology at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston and an admitted member of the IRA against conviction at the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justic Rougier and a jury) on a count of contrary to section 3(1)(a) of the Explosive Substances Act (883. He was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment. An appeal against sentence was dismissed

Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC. who did not appear below, and Mir Ben Emmerson for the appellant; Sir Derek Spencer, QC, Solicitor-General, Mr John Nutting, QC and Mr Richard Horwell for the

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the reasons of the court, said that the appellant admittedly was knowingly in possession of explosives and ammunition, was a member of the IRA and was acting on their behalf.

He was arrested on February 21. 1994 while dismantling the rear seats of a car, which had been under observation after it had been imported from Ireland on Febpackages of Semiex, 17 detonators and other items including a gun and ammunition and under-car

booby traps.

In his wallet was a number of cigarette papers wrapped in cello-phane, some bearing a code enabling phone calls and meetings to be arranged secretly and others bearing lists of possible military, political and strategic targets.

The prosecution case was that he was to have played a controlling role in a planned IRA bombing campaign to take place in England in early 1994. The defence case was that, despite the admissions, the evidence did not necessarily disclose a settled conspiracy to carry out explosions.

His Lordship considered in detail the argued criticisms relating to the trial and summing up and stated that they failed.

Leave had been granted on February 1 at the hearing of submissions on an application for leave to add an additional ground of appeal concerning the absence of any count charging a lesser In the course of his final speech. defence counsel told the jury that he was going to invite the prosecution with the judge's leave to add an alternative charge of unlawful possession of explosives, a charge of which the appellant would not

invite the jury to acquit him. The matter was thus raised for the first time with the prosecution and the judge after the defence speech. No count was added.

Mr Robertson contended that the refusal to add the charge might have led to injustice. Faced with admissions by the appellant that he was a member of the IRA and that he had the explosives with him at least with the possibility of some future use being made of them in the IRA's interest, the jury were likely to be hostile to him and reluctant to let him walk out. It was submitted that the jury might

rather than the conspiracy charge if they had had that option. Mr Robertson referred to R v Fairbanks [1986] 1 WLR 12021, in which Lord Justice Mustill had said that a judge was obliged to leave the lesser alternative only if that was necessary in the interests of justice, but that such interests would never be served in a

situation where the lesser verdict simply did not arise in the way in which the case had been presented In Fairbanks careless driving vas an alternative verdict capable of being returned on the count before the jury of which the appellant had been convicted. In the instant case their Lordships were concerned with the sugges-tion that, at the instance of the defence or of the judge and at the

end of the case, a further count should have been added to the 40], 408) Lord Ackner had said: What is required in any particular case where the judge fails to leave an alternative offence to the jury is that the court, before interfering with the verdict must be satisfied that the jury may have convicted out of a reluctance to see

what, on any view, was disgraceful conduct. If they are so satisfied then the conviction cannot be safe The Lord Chief Justice said that, after considering the course which the trial in the present case took, the count which was before the jury and the count which was proposed should be added, their

Lordships saw no reason to doubt the safety of the jury's verdict. Accordingly, the additional ground of appeal failed and the appeal against conviction was dismissed. The sentence was not manifestly excessive.

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Assessment on future chance of employment too high

Ministry of Defence v

Before Mr Justice Keene, Mr J. A. Scouller and Mr P. Dawson

Judgment February 6 An industrial tribunal ought not to have assessed as 100 per cent the chance of a servicewoman dismissed because she was pregnant returning to the full 22-year period of her service in a case where the assessment of chance related to a long period of time subsequent to

the tribunal's decision. The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal so held when allowing an appeal by the Ministry of Defence from a decision of a Newcastle upon Tyne industrial tribunal last March awarding the applicant, unlawful discrimination on the

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ground of sex. The ministry had appealed on the ground that the

award was excessive. Mr Timothy Pin-Payne for the ministry, Ms Judith Beale for the

MR JUSTICE KEENE said that Mr Pitt-Payne had accepted that a finding of 100 per cent chance was not necessarily perverse or an indication of an error of law per se. But he argued that an assessment at 100 per cent when dealing with what would have happened over a

long period of time required excep-tional circumstances. A distinction had to be drawn between cases where the long period of time had already passed and those where it related to a long period of time stetching into the future when seen from the date of

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the tribunal's decision.

Where the period had passed by the time of the tribunal's assess-ment the tribunal was able to look back at what had in fact happened and take that into account. In the present case the tribunal's finding of 100 per cent chance of the applicant serving for 22 years from her enlistment in November 1982 involved making a judgment about what might or might not happen between March 1995 and the year 2004.

Many unpredictable factors could affect the applicant's ability to serve throughout the remaining nine years of the 22 years of service including health, the possibility of further children, the uncertainty of childcare and the risk of redundancy resulting from the fact that

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Mr Pitt-Payne's argument was that no reasonable tribunal could be 100 per cent certain that the applicant would not have been affected by such possibilities between 1995 and 2004 and the tribunal had either misdirected itself or the decision was perverse. An assessment of a 100 per cent chance which related to a future period was not necessarily perverse. But the further into the future the tribunal was having to look the more difficult it became to

nermissible option. Apart from the length of the period the permissibility of a 100 per cent assessment depended on such factors as the stength of the

regard a 100 per cent chance as a

vice career, the ease with which she would have pursued such a career as well as being a mother. the value attached to her by the armed services, the risk of redun-

dancy, her health and her age. An industrial tribunal was not obliged to make a discount in the percentage because some period of time in the future was involved but the further into the future one looked the greater the opportu-nities for the vicissitudes of life.

The majority of the appeal tribunal considered that the industrial tribunal's decision was outside the range of permissible options. To say that there was no possibility of anything happening during those years between 1995 and 2004 which would lead to the cessation of the applicant's service was stretching credulity beyond an acceptable limit.

It was irrational of the tribunal to regard as a 100 per cent certainty the prospect of the applicant having continued in military serbe allowed and the case remitted to

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Single application valid In re William Pickles plc Before Mr Justice Rattee Budgment February of

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A single originating application under the Insolvency Act 1986 could be issued in respect of a number of separate companies in respect of the receivership of those companies. There was no need to issue a separate originating summons in respect of each separate

Mr Justice Rattee so ordered in the Chancery Division on an application made by William Pickles pic on a single document intituled in the name of all 14 companies, thereby reducing the

cost by £1.560. Mr Manhew Collings for the

MR JUSTICE RATTEE said that the liquidator of William Pickles plc and 13 other comp which had formerly been wholly to issue one single originating application under the 1986 Act for

directions relating to the marshalling of securities and certain inter-company indebtedness.

have convicted of the lesser charge

The only point was whether by reason of anything under that Act or the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) made thereunder it was permissible to issue a single application in respect of matters which were common to all the companies or whether it was applications, involving extra costs

His Lordship had been referred to In re a Company (1984) BCLC 307), where Mr Justice Mervyn Davies had declined to allow a sunday application that a single netition should be allowed under section 75 of the Companies Act 1980 with regard to a number of companies which were not in any

group although there were common shareholders. His Lordship referred to rule

7.26(1) of the 1986 Rules: "Every

proceeding under Parts I to VII of the Act shall, with any necessary

matter of all the relevant companies together rather than having a separate one in each case. There might be reasons why in rate application in each case might

e convenient but there was no ing in the present case why a single application would not suffice.

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Before Lord Macfadyen Judgment January 31 Where a firm of solicitors wrote to

a company to advise them that an disclose the name of a third party who had fraudulently overcharged the company, in return for undertaking to pay him a proporion of any over-payment v they consequently succeeded in recovering the client's attempt to

take advantage of the fraud of the third party deprived his solicitors of the right to withhold the client's identity as a matter of privilege and the firm would be ordered to identify their client, in order that the company might, if so advised, bring further proceedings to re-quire that client to identify the

third party.
Lord Macfadyen sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, in a petition brought by Conoco (UK) Lid against a firm, the Commercial Law Practice, pronouncing an interlocutor ordaining the firm to disclose in writing to the petition-ers such information as they had as to the identity, including name and address, of the person on whose behalf the firm had written a letter to the petitioners, dated October 25, 1995, and who had disclosed to the firm the informa-

tion contained in that letter, Section I of the Administration of Justice (Scotland) Act 1972

of (IA) Without prejudice to the existing powers of the Court of Session and of the sheriff court those courts shall have power, subject to subsection (4) of this section, to order any person to disclose such information as he has as to the identity of any persons who appear to the court to be persons who: (a) might be witnesses in any existing civil proceedings before that court or in civil proceedings which are likely to be brought; or (b) might be defenders in any civil proceedings which appear to the court to be likely to be brought.

likely to be brought.

"(4) Nothing in this section shall affect any rule of law or practice relating to the privilege of witnesses and havers, {or} confidentiality of communications..."

Mr Colin Campbell, QC, for the estitioners; Mr William Galbraith, QC, for the respondents. LORD MACFADYEN said that

on October 25, 1995, the respondent firm of law agents had written to the financial director of the pe-titioners. The letter stated that the respondents acted for an unnamed

might be of interest. It narrated that the petitioners had contracted with an unnamed third party for the supply of goods and services but due to a clerical error had overpaid the third party. The third party was aware of the error, but

had retained the over-payment in a Suspense account. The nature of the error was such that without specific information an audit was unlikely to discover it. The sum in question was over £1.000.000.

The letter went on to say that the respondents' client would provide sufficient information to identify the error, in return for an under taking to pay him 20 per cent of such sums as the petitioners might recover from the third party.

The petitioners responded by ringing a petition under section 1 of the 1972 Act, seeking an order requiring the respondents to disclose the identity of their client.

At the hearing to dispose of the petition Mr Galbraith argued that the petitioners were not entitled to information was privileged. The general rule was, he said, simple and well understood.

Except within the scope of a recognised exception, privilege applied to all facts, communicated between solicitor and client, including, since there was no Scottish authority to the contrary. the identity of the client.

He submitted that the English cases of Bursill v Tanner ((1865) 16 OBD 1). Ex parte Campbell. In re Cathcart ((1870) LR 5 Ch App 703). Parkhurst v Lowen ([1813] 2 Sw 194]. Studdy v Sanders ([1823] 2 D & R 347) and Pascall v Galinski ([1970] I QB 38) afforded too narrow a base for general rule that

in the identity of a client.

Mr Campbell maintained that
the identity of the client was not
confidential; and that in any event. that communications were not privileged where the agent was directly concerned in carrying out an act of the client that was disreputable, dishonourable, iniquitous or in bad faith see Begg. Law Agents (p320); McCowan v Wright ((1852) 15 D 229, 237); Barcloys Bank v Eustice (1955) 1 WLR 1258. 1250G); Ventouris v Mountain ([1991] 1 WLR 607); Gamlen Chemical Co (UK) Ltd v Rochem Ltd (unreported CA): Micosta SA v Shetland Isles Council (1983 SLT 483, 485) and

In his Lordship's opinion the petition raised issues as to the scope of solicitor and client confidentiality which were, at least

Clark v HM Advocate (1965 SLT

It was unsound to argue that

because the privilege belonged to the client, the solicitor could not claim privilege for any matter in respect of which the client himself would be obliged to answer. R v Peterborough Justices, Ex parte Hicks (1977) 1 WLR 1371) was distinguishable. A client was entitled to insist his solicitor to keep confidential a fact communicated by him to the solicitor, even in circumstances in which the client. if asked, would be obliged to

disclose it. His Lordship was reluctant to lopt what he understood to be the English rule that the identity of the client was not confidential. It seemed quite possible to figure circumstances in which to demand of a solicitor an answer to the question "From whom did you have precisely the same sort of impact on the administration of justice as it would to demand of him an answer to the question,

"What did your client tell you?" It seemed artificial to distinguish the identity of the client from the subject-maner of the solicitor-client relationship. The information sought fell within the scope of the privilege, unless an exception applied.

The question therefore came to be whether the petitioners were correct in contending that the fraud exception applied. On the narrative set out in the letter, the third party had been involved in fraud in the broad sense, since he was said to have knowingly issued an invoice in an excessive amount and in due course to have accepted

payment.
The question was whether that fraud so tainted the client's pos-ition as to deprive him and the respondents of the plea of confidentiality. It was clear that the exception was not confined to cases of fraud stricto sensu; as Lord Justice Schiemann had pointed out in Barclay's Bank.

fraud in that context had long been given a broad meaning.

On the other hand "iniquity". although no doubt used as a convenient shorthand by Lord Justice Bingham in Ventouris, was in his Lordship's view 100 vague a concept to afford much guidance. As Lord Justice Goff had said in Gamlen, dishonesty rather than something merely dishonourable

The issue raised in the present case was one for which there was no direct precedent. His Lordship was wary of deciding the issue b way of an ad hoc exploration of public policy considerations.

underlay the fraud exception might be capable of extension in which a client and his solicitor, not themselves guilty of fraud or involved in carrying out a fraudulent transaction, were involved in a transaction the purpose of which was to derive for the client benefit of his knowledge of a fraud

committed by another party. At one level, he was proposing a simply commercial transaction. However, it was difficult to ignore the fact that the opportunity would not have presented itself to the client were it not for the fraud committed by the payee. In this unusual situation, at the borderthe halance of completing public policy considerations favoured disclosure rather than confidentiality.

His Lordship was also satisfied that the reference in section I(IA) to "defenders" was broad enough to include the respondent to a further section I petition, such as the client. His Lordship was satisfied that such a petition was likely to be

The terms of section 1(1A)(b) made it plain that the fact that disclosure of the identity of the defender in the proposed proceed-ings was the object of the present proceedings could not be sufficien foundation for a submission tha the proposed proceedings were no likely to be brought.

Mr Galbraith had finally submitted that as a matter of discretion his Lordship should decline to grant the prayer. He submitted that the petitioners had an alternative remedy. They were simply being invited to peculiate a simply being invited to negotiate a contract. He suggested that that was not the type of situation for which section I had been provided. He went so far as to suggest that the petition was an abuse of section 1; the petitioners were seeking to

get valuable information for nothing. Mr Campbell's response was that if the petitioners were entitled to invoke section I(IA), there was no question of their seeking valuable information for nothing. They were simply pursuing a statutory remedy which, if well founded, demonstrated that the client was mistaken in thinking that the information he held could be turned to his commercial advanage. His Lordship agreed that if. as he had held, the petitioners were well founded in their reliance on the statute, they were entitled to the information without paying for it.

Law agents: Bennett & Robertson: Alex Morrison & Cu. WS.



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Long-time leader steers his side back into first place with several key transfers

James kicks out Keegan to make room at the top

obody said you got to the top in football management by being Kevin James, the man responsible for Kevins Kickers, clearly has the ruthless touch

After making much of the early running in Interactive Team Football (ITF), Kevins Kickers were headed for the lead by Gohils Gods 65, one of 80 plus teams entered by the two Gohil brothers, from London. James realised he needed to regain the impetus from somewhere, and promptly axed both Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, and Keegan's striking mainstay, Les Ferdinand. The

ploy worked. Mr James reasoned: "Both players had been in my side throughout, but I reckoned that now was the time to make the change with Newcastle no longer in the FA Cup."

So Keegan and Ferdinand were sent packing, and re-placed by Dave Merrington. of Southampton, and Robbie Fowler, of Liverpool.

"Southampton have some important games coming up which I think they might come through well. And, most importantly, they are still in the FA Cup. I am not saying that the competition will be won and lost in the Cup, but it is just one of the very important elements that go into succeed-ing at ITF."

Mr James has plenty of praise to offer for the way that ITF is scored and is a firm believer that it is a competition where skill plays at least as big a part as chance.

'I must watch what I say but in ITF I am sure that you can think, plan and study your way to an improved position. That said, luck still plays its part such as when Dichio, of QPR, scored that deflected against Liverpool the

"Thousands of people will them the points for a clean

Mr James recently appeared on Sky TV with fellow ITF managers, Raj Gohil and







pressed, in particular, with

"Raj Gohil struck me as a shrewd customer and a man who won't go down without a fight. I think if it comes down to the wire in the competition. I might ask Raj if he wants to split the prize and have done with it. There is nothing for second in this game." Mr James said

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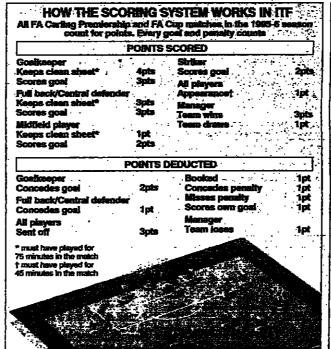
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Names ready to dismiss £2.8bn offer

By ROBERT MILLER

LLOYD'S names, whose assets have traditionally sup-ported the 300-year-old insurance market, are set to reject a £2.8 billion settlement offer to end years of litigation and cap the cost of members' liabilities. Failure to reach an agreement could force Lloyd's of London to stop writing new business.

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, said that yesterday's proposals, contained in the Reconstruction and Renewal document, represented "the best and most pragmatic framework" for a final settlement for tens of thousands of names, who have suffered cumulative losses of nearly £12 hillion since 1987. The terms of the final offer will be made to 30,000 individuals, rather than collective action groups, by the end of May.

Under the proposals Lloyd's said that £800 million of the total global offer would be zation settlement This would include some £50 million that would be used to meet costs incurred by the action groups of names that have instigated legal proceedings against Lloyd's and individuai syndicates.

Tranche 1: Between £300 million and £500 million to relieve disproportionately high losses.

Tranche 2: £200 million to £300 million to reduce the cost of "finality" without disadvantaging those who have paid their debts to Lloyd's in full.

Tranche 3: £1.1 billion to £1.3 billion to cap the cost of "finality" at £100.000 after deducting funds at Lloyd's, and so assist names facing difficulty in achieving "finality".

Tranche 4: £100 million to £150 million to provide further assistance to those names otherwise unable to meet the cost of the "finality".

"finality" at £100,000 after deducting names' funds al-

ready held by Lloyd's.

The fourth tranche of be-

tween £100 million and £150

million would provide further

assistance to names otherwise

unable to meet the cost of

finality. Access to this tranche

Merrett No 2 group and a member of the Litigating

Names' Committee, said the

52.8 billion offer was "not

enough" and the £100,000 "fi

nality" cap should be halved. Robert Miller of the Association

of Lloyd's Members said addi-

tional funding for the settle-

ment could be raised by

doubling or trebling to £300 or

£450 million the contribution

John Mays, chairman of

would be means-tested.

credits would also be allocated to names in four tranches, depending on individual circumstances. The debt credits are intended to reduce the cost to members of reinsuring their liabilities into a specially formed company, Equitas. Lloyd's said that each

tranche of money is designed to address a specific objective, with the first tranche of becost of "finality" without unfairly disadvantaging those who have paid their debts to Lloyd's in full. The third, and

tween £300 million and £500 million being used to relieve disproportionately high losses. The second tranche of between £200 million and .E300 million will reduce the idual syndicates. largest, tranche of up to £1.3 Some £2 billion of debt billion will cap the cost of

from Lloyd's managing agents, who made £400 million to £600 **Nelson dismisses** million in commissions between 1993 and 1995. Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the Lloyd's Names Associations' Working Party, said: "The settlement proposals are based on expediency and not justice. They are not acceptable ... Thousands of ruined names know that the cause of their EI2 billion 'losses' has been regulatory failure, incompetence, negli-

> and fraud." Alan Porter, chairman of the Devonshire and Cuthbert Heath action groups of more than 2,300 lingating names, said the terms of the Lloyd's final offer "were not acceptable", and that the plans for means-testing are "impracti-cable and offensive".

> gence, deliberate concealment

Last night Lloyd's indicated that the terms might be further improved "if the additional funding can be found".



David Rowland promised final terms by end of May

Mediators aim to save vital talks on Eurotunnel

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

March 1997, when it must

secure the agreement of hold-

ers of 65 per cent of its debt for

an extension to the standstill.

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nues for the current year of

Sir Alastair admitted yester-

day that failure to secure an

extension of the standstill in

the absence of a restructuring

"could be fatal to the

company". Sir Alastair and Patrick

Ponsolle, the French co-chair-

man, said they would refuse to

agree to any proposed deal "in

which the payment of interest

and repayment of principal

might absorb the company's

whole cash flow to the end of

The statement conceded that

around £450 million.

The interest is building up

TWO French-appointed mediators have been sent in to revive the rescue talks between Eurotunnel and its bankers, which are close to breaking down over how much of its £8 billion debts

should be written off. Lord Wakeham, the chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, and Robert Badinter, a former French justice minister, were appointed by the Paris Tribunal de Commerce, after the company's French auditors warned in November that the company was close to technical

insolvency. They will spend until the summer talking informally to the company, its bankers, shareholders and creditors about finding a possible sol-

ution to its financial problems. a debt for equity swap might be inevitable in return for The procedure is used in France to protect employees when a company is in danger later and lower remuneration of collapse, but has never been tried before on a company of Eurotunnel's size.

Sir Alastair Morton, the cochairman of Eurotunnel, yesterday welcomed the appointments, unanimously agreed by the Eurotunnel board.

He said Lord Wakeham "and his very distinguished French confrère will bring good sense to their 'good offices' mission between the company, the banks, the govemments and the rest of our always stimulating situation."

However, he insisted that

the appointment of the mediators was "in no sense" the first stage of insolvency. He said: The intent is quite different to going under; the intent is an accommodation of what the bankers would like to have, what the shareholders want and what the company needs." The solution would be a structure that allowed the company to service its debts and gradually pay them off, while leaving sufficent cash flow to finance its future development and leave a reasonable prospect of a dividend payment to shareholders. This could take up to a decade, he

Eurotunnel has suspended interest payments on its £8 billion of junior debt until

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ther falls in output prices over

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and repayment of their loans". Pennington, page 25

Warner and MAI plan theme park

to rival Disney By ALEXANDRA FREAN AND ERIC REGULY

MAI, the television and financial services group that last week agreed to merge with United News & Media, is expected this morning to announce a £225 million joint investment with America's Warner Bros to build a theme park in southern England.

The park, which would include a film studio, multiplex cinemas, rides and restaurants, is to be built on a tract of vacant land in the west London borough of Hillingdon, just north of Heathrow airport. Planning consent has not yet been granted.

MAI and Warner would share the cost equally. MAI has considerable financial flexibility because its proposed mer-

base rates. Andrew Cates, of

UBS, said: "The current slug-

gish state of the manufactur-

ing economy and these

weaker inflation figures are

powerful weapons to a Chan-

cellor who needs to lower base

rates to aid his party's political

fortunes." He said that any

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inflation that may be ex-

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ger with United is through a share swap that offers no premium and adds no debt. Warner, owned by Time Warner of New York, one of the world's largest media and entertainment groups, has been trying for some time to enter the theme park market. which is dominated by the Walt Disney Company and the Universal Studios division of MCA, the Hollywood studio that is now part of Canada's

Seagram. The Warner-MAI park would draw on Warner's rich movie heritage to create attractions. Warner's movies include Batman, Lethal Weapon, Beetlejuice, Casablanca and The Maltese Falcon. MAI and Time Warner

already have a number of joint ventures, including Itel, an international TV and film distribution company based in London, and a production

company. ☐ Mercury Asset Manage-ment, the fund manager that backed Granada's winning bid for Forte, sold more MAI shares yesterday. The move suggests that a rival bid for

MAI is unlikely. Mercury sold 870,000 MAI shares at prices ranging from 430p to 442p, reducing its holding to 19.7 million shares. or 5.98 per cent. On Friday, it sold 8.3 million MAI shares, a 2 per cent stake, for about £25

Analysts said Mercury known as an astute judge of the takeover game -- would be unlikely to sell MAI shares if it sensed a counterbid. Carlton Communications, the largest ITV company, was considered the most likely bidder. Carlton would not comment.

chance of early Lloyd's review By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A WIDE-RANGING review should not look only at what

of regulation of Lloyd's will be set up by ministers, but not before the next general elec-tion, MPs were told last night. Anthony Nelson, the Trade Minister, said that an early review of regulation could damage the prospects of success for Equitas, the reinsurance company being formed to meet Lloyd's liabilities.

Mr Nelson said it was unlikely that a full review of regulation at Lloyd's could be carried out before the summer of 1997. He told the Commons Treasury Select Committee: "We should look again at the overall structure when the horizon is clearer.

He conceded that the Government had taken too long in looking at regulation in the past and that ministers needed to be "nimble".

Heckled repeatedly Lloyd's names attending the hearing, Mr Nelson said that it was important not to distract attention from setting up Equitas successfully. "If it were undertaken now, it would make the prospects of Equitas getting off the ground very much less," he said.

However, he dismissed suggestions of some MPs that the review was being delayed to avoid comroversy prior to a general election.

Mr Nelson added that there had been madequate regulation and supervision of most areas of the financial sector, but he insisted that a review

had gone wrong in the past.
Pressed repeatedly by Tory
and Labour MPs over the

supervision of Equitas, Mr Nelson said that the Department of Trade and Industry would check Lloyd's assessment of the amount needed to meet liabilities.

Matthew Carrington, a Tory MP on the committee, said that many of the names contributing to Equitas "have no confidence in Lloyd's".

Hopes rise of rate cut as inflation eases

By JANET BUSH

ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT INFLATION in industry has

peaked and is now easing, providing a favourable background for further cuts in interest rates to breathe new life into the recovery.

Output prices — an indica-tor closely watched by both the Treasury and the Bank of England - rose 0.4 per cent in January as manufacturers produced their New Year list prices. But this was a much smaller rise than in previous years and the annual rate of output price inflation fell sharply, to 3.8 per cent, from 4.4 per cent. This is the lowest level since March, 1995.

tobacco, underlying output prices were unchanged in the month and the annual rate fell to 3.6 per cent, from 4.4 per cent. This was the lowest level

HIGH STREET sales ap-

peared to hold up well in

January despite bad weather

and humper spending on the

National Lottery, according

to a survey by the British

Retail Consortium (BRC).

The like for-like value of

which represents retailers.

sales - which removes the

since January last year. Input prices, the cost of raw materials and fuel to industry, industry's costs and prices

to 4 per cent, from 5.9 per cent in December.

The effects of the commodity price shock which, coupled with sterling's weakness, sent

effect of any expansion of

retail floor space - was 4.1

per cent above January a year

This is similar to the year-

on-year growth of 4.3 per cent

in December and suggests

that the recovery in sales seen

late last year was sustained

into the new year. In contrast,

fell 0.3 per cent in January, taking the annual rate down sharply higher, is now over and should allay some of the fears of higher inflation at the Bank, which tomorrow publishes its latest Inflation Report. The Bank has repeatedly expressed concern about a

chain reaction in which high-

Sales continue recovery into January

In the latest three months, the BRC Retail Sales Monitor, hased on returns from a sample of 75 leading retailers, showed average growth of 3.9 per cent, up from 3.3 per cent in the October to December

sales in January 1995 plunged

sharply after a good

period. Andrew Sentance, BRC's chief economic adviser, said: "Recent cuts in interest rates and the prospect of lower personal tax in the spring are helping to build consumer confidence and sustain a stronger trend in retail spending than we saw

were likely to fall on deaf ears. Figures for retail prices in January are due to be published on Thursday and are expected to show that both headline and underlying inflation have fallen below 3 per cent again. Many City economists believe rates will be cut after the March monetary

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BRITISH employees' purchasing power is greater than workers in almost every other European country, the Government said yesterday as Lahour sharply attacked its claims for the UK's job performance against its principal ec-

Ministers denied that the Government's strong promo-tion of what it claimed were the job successes of its economic and labour market policies were a pre-election move, though they accepted that there might well be a political spin-off from any improvement in individual or business confidence and any rise in the

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Sec-retary, launched a new drive to place Britain's employment record against other countries across Europe at the centre of the Government's emphasis on Britain's economic and

competitive performance. Publishing what she described as a "blizzard" of statistics on the UK labour market's comparative performance, she claimed that the success of the UK economy and of the Government's policies would continue. In comparison with other Euro-

No bar on pension claims

By Anne Ashworth

THE life insurance arms of the high street banks have announced that they will not bar personal pension compensation claims that are outside the sixyear legal limit.

The banks involved are: Abbey National, Barclays. National Westminster and the Royal Bank of Scotland, the members of the British Bankers' Association (BBA) Bancassurалсе втопо.

It remains to be seen whether other life insurance groups also agree to consider claims arising from pension sales made more than six years ago. The Prudential last week revealed that it would not exclude claims outside the time-limit

Tony Baker, deputy director general of the Association of British Insurers (ABI), said he had called on members to clarify their positions, asking them to reassure policyholders that claims would not be time-barred. Many victims of the £4 billion pensions scandal fear their claims will be rejected because of a time bar.

pean Union countries, she said, Britain had one of the lowest unemployment rates in employment rates, fewer people on temporary contracts and companies "flocking" to do business in the UK.

Giving the statistics before tomorrow's monthly UK unemployment figures which ministers hope will show a further fall, she said: "These are important figures which show clearly what has been happening in the United King-dom labour market."

Ministers acknowledged that most of the figures were familiar, including data showing the UK's unemployment rate at 8.6 per cent and its employment rate - the proportion of the working age population in work - at 68 per cent, compared with 8.6 and 65 per cent for Germany, 11.6 and 59 per cent for France, 12.6 and 51 per cent for Italy and 22.2 and 45 per cent for Spain.

As well as citing what they claimed were Britain's low

additional non-wage labour costs of £18 for every £100 in wages, compared with E32 in Germany. E34 in Spain, E41 in France and E44 in Italy, min-isters suggested the real pur-chasing power of UK workers was as high as any in Europe. Michael Meacher, Shadow Employment Secretary, said: "In 16 years of Tory government, Britain's job creation re-cord has been feeble at best." ☐ Employers are accelerating their drive for more flexible work patterns as they strive to become more competitive. says a survey in Personnel Today, the business magazine.

ASIL NADIR'S former advis-

er, Elizabeth Forsyth, goes on

trial today at the Old Bailey, 17

months after she returned

voluntarily to the UK from

northern Cyprus to face ques-

tions by the Serious Fraud

Mrs Forsyth, 59, of Great

Dunmow, Essex, denies two charges of handling nearly £400,000 in cash and property allegedly stolen by Mr Nadir

from Polly Peck International,

the fruits to electronics group which collapsed in 1990. She

was chairman of South Audley

Management, a management

company that looked after the Nadir family's tax and proper-

Mrs Forsyth was in court

vesterday as Mr Justice Tuck-

er picked the jury from a panel

of nearly 40 men and women.

The judge told the prospective

jurors: There has been a

great deal of publicity about

ty affairs in the UK.

Jury selected for

Forsyth trial

By Jon Ashworth

the case."

rushed into."

Polly Peck and Asil Nadir. I

want to ensure as far as I can

that Elizabeth Forsyth has a

fair trial, so it is important that

any one selected as a juror to

try her case should not have

any preconceived ideas about

four men was selected, but they were not sworn in.

Another 12 were also picked as

reserves. The judge told all of

them to consider their posit-

ions overnight, adding: "I

don't want this to be a decision

anyone feels they have been

in today, when David Calvert-

Smith is expected to open the

case for the prosecution. The trial will be held in the Old

Bailey annexe in Chancery

Lane, used for the trial of

Kevin and Ian Maxwell. The

case is expected to last between

four and six weeks.

The 12 jurors will be sworn

A panel of eight women and



Butte loses

appeal in

\$1bn action

A US Federal Court of

Appeal has thrown out Butte

Mining's appeal against a dismissal of its \$1 billion

fraud action against Robert-

son Group, a subsidiary of

Simon Engineering. Since

Butte filed its lawsuit in May

1992. Simon Engineering

has argued that the claims,

relating to Butte's 1987 flota-

tion and an acquisition the

group made a year later. were "baseless and miscon-

By losing the appeal, Butte will be forced to liti-gate only in the UK, where it has launched a lawsuit

against Robertson and two

of its subsidiaries as well as

Ernst & Young, the auditor. Simon said the UK case is

worth far less than the failed

\$1 billion US claim. The

complaint against Robert-

son originated more than

three years before Simon

bought the group in 1991.

ceived".

Armour Trust surges to £1.3m

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

ORGANIC growth and acquisitions helped Armour Trust, the confectionery to automotive products group, to buck the adverse effects of unseasonal weather with a 75 per cent surge in first-half

Strong trading from the fragrance division helped pretax profits to jump from £758,000 last time to £1.33 million in the six months to October 31, on turnover ahead Il per cent at £19.9 million.

The profits advance was exaggerated by an absence of reorganisation costs which depressed earnings by £220,000 in the comparative period. But an underlying 15 per cent profits rise was still achieved in spite of the unusually hot summer, which hit sales of confectionery, and a warm autumn, which slowed sales of automotive winter products such as antifreeze.

Andrew Balcombe, chairman, is optimistic about prospects, especially after the recent cold spell and the introduction of a CD-Rom entitled The Driving Test Your Licence to Drive. The CD-Rom, which sells for £29.99 at Halfords and is approved by the Department
of Transport and the Institute of Advanced Motorists, contains sample driving test ques-tions in advance of the new driving test to be introduced

Mr Balcombe said: "Turnover for the beginning of the second half until Christmas was good, due in part to the short burst of cold weather. Growth since the new year is generally regaining momenturn and we plan further expansion. I believe the improved performance seen in the first half will continue through to the second haif." The interim dividend rises

to 0.46p (0.418p), payable on May 10, from earnings of 2.5p

US to clear bill at World Bank

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

AMERICA, still embroiled in a fight over cutting the US budget deficit, yesterday pledged to pay all its arrears to the World Bank's concessional lending arm before July 1997, but will not take part in an emergency fund being set up for one year by other donor countries.

The International Development Association (IDA) is facing a crisis of funding because Congress has cut America's contribution by half. Donor countries are working to a June deadline to agree funds for the next three years of IDA lending to the world's poorest countries and have been in intensive negotiations about how to come up with the money without a contribution from America.

IDA deputies met in Paris yesterday and are close to setting up an emergency fund. of three billion Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), which will tide IDA over for the first year of its next three-year programme. It is hoped that this will be finally agreed at a meeting in Tokyo on March 7 and 8.

Jan Piercy. US Executive Director to the World Bank, said yesterday that the US will not take part in the emergency fund, but will pay \$934.5 million in arrears during the fiscal year 1997, starting on July I. She also said that America

is committed to returning to the usual framework of of loans - donors contribute every three years — but said that the US will not be able to agree to the amounts currently projected by the World Bank. The Bank calculates the US contribution at \$960 million in 1998 and \$980 million in 1999.

Poor pay the price, page 27

Accounting bodies shelve merger plans

By ROBERT BRUCE

THE proposed merger between the UK's two largest accounting bodies has been abandoned.

The English ICA and CIMA, the management accounting body, had planned to put detailed merger proposals to its members in June, but signs of sharply declining support among the English ICA membership have

140,000 members, and would have dominated the audit, tax and business streams of the

showed a 67 per cent majority of members in favour of the broad principles of the idea. but that figure has slumped to just 36 per cent following more detailed proposals.

Keith Woodley, English ICA president, said: "We will still look at ways of co-operating."

Kvaerner increases profit to £246m

KVAERNER, the industrial group that is based in Norway and has interests in the UK, increased profits to £246 million (£123 million). The shipbuilding to pulp and paper group, whose shares are listed in London, enjoyed a £57.4 million exceptional gain on the sale of its gas carrier business. Kyaerner owns the Govan shipyard on the Clyde, the UK's largest commercial shipbuilder, which made a positive contribution last year. The group, which failed to take over Amec this year, employs more than 3,000 in the UK. Kvaerner said the improvement was made despite weakness in the pulp and paper and mechanical

Warren case postponed

THE courtroom clash between Frank Warren, the boxing promoter, and the DTI was postponed for a second time yesterday after the judge chosen to preside over the proceedings was taken ill. The High Court hearing is now expected to start next week. Mr Warren, 43, is resisting attempts by the DTI to have him banned from serving as a company director. He says the proceedings concern the affairs of various companies before 1991, and have no bearing on his present business interests

MCI and AT&T talks

MCI Communications Corp and AT&T Corp, long-distance telephone rivals, are negotiating about sharing the costs of providing local telephone calling. The talks come just days after a new telecommunications reform Bill passed into law, freeing long-distance and local telephone companies to compete on each others' turf. AT&T and MCI declined to comment. MCI's MCI Metro subsidiary is spending \$2 billion building local circuits to reach mainly business customers in 24 cities.

BICC chief to retire

SIR Robin Biggam is to retire as chairman of BICC, the construction group, in June. He will be succeeded by Viscount Weir, a non-executive deputy chairman. Lord Weir is chairman of Weir Group and vice-chairman of St James Place Capital. He is a director of Canadian Pacific and was formerly a director of the Bank of England and British Steel. Sir Robin joined BICC as managing director in 1986, became chief executive in 1987 and chairman in 1992. He is chairman of Pairey Group and a nonexecutive director of British Aerospace and Redland.

Ernst & Young Asia link

ERNST & YOUNG, the professional services firm, has linked with Asia's biggest consultancy group with a view to boosting its consultancy portfolio. Tata Consultancy Services, based in Bombay, has worldwide revenues of \$130 million, and a sizeable UK client base. Tata Sons, its parent company, employs more than 275,000 people. TCS alone employs more than 5,000 professionals in more than 100 cities, including London, Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Bristol, and up to 25 per cent of its revenue comes from the UK.

Consolidated Coal deal

CONSOLIDATED COAL, the small, independent mining company that was floated at 50p a share last August, is acquiring Gloter Mining, a private group that owns open-cast and underground mining sites in South Wales, for £2.6 is a non-executive director, is also looking to raise £1.6 million through a placing of 3.5 million new shares, at 53p a share, in order to develop the mines being acquired from Glotec. Consolidated Coal shares eased lp to 51p.

Tax evader jailed

A DRESDNER BANK client in Germany was yesterday sentenced to 45 months in jail and ordered to pay a DM1.3 million fine, the first customer of the bank to be sentenced in a two-year inquiry into tax evasion. The Koblenz court ruled that the 55-year-old sausage skin dealer, who was not named. had evaded taxes through a Dresdner Luxembourg account. He had confessed and repaid more than DMIO million in back taxes. Two Dresdner Bank officials in Koblenz, alleged to have helped him, were released on bail last month.

BOC widens China link

BOC GROUP, the UK gases company, has established a 50-50 venture with Taiyuan Iron and Steel, its largest investment in China. The joint venture, to be managed by BOC, will take over Taiyuan Iron's industrial gases assets and production and will invest £18 million in new plant to expand the existing capacity. It will manage three existing air-separation units and a hydrogen production plant. The new air-separation unit will be capable of producing 750 tonnes a day of oxygen and will be built by BOC's global engineering arm.

British Coal sells land

BRITISH COAL has sold almost 800 acres of agricultural land in Northumberland, raising about £2.1 million. A package of 789 acres, offered last November, attracted average prices of £2.700 an acre. British Coal is to sell a further seven regional agricultural land packages. The first, likely to be about 5,000 acres in South Wales, will be offered next month. This will be followed by 7,000 acres in Ayrshire, Lanarkshire, East Lothian and Fife and packages in the East Midlands, Staffordshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire, plus 13,000 acres in the North East.

EU seeks inquiry

THE European Union is to ask the World Trade Organization to investigate the relationship between low wages and trade. But treading carefully weeks before an Asian-Europe summit, Sir Leon Brittan, Trade Commission-er, said the EU did not seek to impose a "social diktat" on lowwage trade partners. "We have no agenda for depriving lowwage countries of their legitimate economic advantage," he said. He denied reports that the EU was putting conditions on trade accords with nations in Asia and Latin America.

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scuppered the plans.
The merger would have created the UK's biggest accounting body, with some

Greenspan likely to stay

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

the 1960s, and was appointed to the Fed by Ronald Regan in

1987. He made his peace with

the Democrats after Bill Clin-

ALAN GREENSPAN, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, the US central bank, is expected in the next few days to be nominated for a third term as the world's most powerful financier.

Mr Greenspan, who has won praise from all quarters for his handling of the US economy over the past eight years, has few serious rivals for the post. Even though he is a Republican, he is likely to be have the backing of President Clinton, a Democrat. He can also rely on the Republican majority in Congress to ratify his appointment. His current

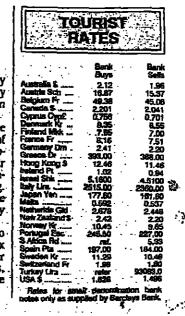
term as head of the central bank ends on March 2. As the man in charge of

short-term interest-rate policy in the US, he has waged a relentiess fight against inflation which has sometimes out him in conflict with the Govemment when he was obliged to raise interest rates. However. Mr Greenspan is an astute political operator able to look after his own interests. He was once Richard Nixon's domestic policy adviser in

ton's election, but has recently moved to the right, apparently to please the Republicans in

Although he studied at the prestigious Juliard School of Music and once played saxophone in a swing band, Mr Greenspan turned to economies shortly after graduating. He has become a millionaire from his business consultancy. practice in New York. President Clinton is also

likely to nominate Felix Rohatyn, the veteran financier and director of Lazard Frenes, the investment bank, as the Fed's deputy chairman.



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SIR Alastair Morton could not have been more vehement yes-terday in insisting that the appointment of mediators to sort out the company's financial problems was a harmless French idea to use distinguished peopie's good offices rather than the first step on the shuttle to insolvency. Others may be forgiven if they do not share his insoucience. Under French law, a company's auditors are obliged to report to the President of the Tribunal de Commerce in Paris if they fear imminent bankruptcy. The President sends in mediators to try and sort out a rescue deal and give the com-pany some breathing space from

If this is not quite Chapitre Onze, it is something perilously close to it. The two mediators announced yesterday are undoubted heavyweights who share the advantage of having no direct personal involvement in the Eurotunnel farrago, al-though Lord Wakeham was a member of the Cabinet that gave its blessing to a 100 per cent privately finance Channel Tunnel in the mid-1980s.

The mediators' task is to persuade 225 banks not only to keep Euroninnel afloat but allow it enough buoyancy to leave open the prospect that shareholders might still receive some dividend before the company's concession

Chapter ten and a half at Eurotunnel

finally runs out. This is a tall order that will stretch even Lord Wakeham's legendary skills at political infighting and establishment manipulation. But poli-ticians are certainly the right people for the job and Robert Badinter, Wakeham's French confrere, may be the key figure in using continental culture to resolve what raw Anglo-Saxon business methods cannot.

If Eurotunnel survives, it will do so ultimately because the French Establishment does not want 620,000 citizen shareholders to be left with nothing. This would hardly aid the cause of privatisation in France, which has aiready got off to a shaky

Disgruntled Frenchmen have a tendency to cause trouble, for instance by refusing any scheme drawn up by banks.

The smaller number of UK shareholders, again overwhelmingly private investors, are probabaly more realistic. Most may now reckon their travel concessions are the only thing worth preserving. In many cases they will be worth more than the shares, which do not reflect the value of untransferable perks. For these to be preserved, it is only necessary that the company does not go into liquidation and the shares continue to exist. The board must therefore make sure they are not bargained away.

Were it not for the political dimension, banks might well do a Canary Wharf, foreclosing in order to take control of the equity. It is still possible that two thirds of more than 200 of them will be foolish enough to vote in March against continuing the current moratorium on junior debt service for another year. Avoiding that is the mediators first objective.

Britain for sale, all bidders welcome

☐ WHAT is the point, belea-guered company boards might reasonably ask? According to Scottish Amicable Investment Managers, who also manage £2 billion of other people's money, takeover bids should normally be accepted and it would be great for shareholders if there were more of them. Analysis of 15

PENNINGTON



off bids in recent years, rather than surviving by grace of the competition authorities, shows that most went on to underperform the stock market

The Glasgow manager con-cludes: "History suggests that shareholders are better to accept the offer on the table and reinvest the proceeds in the stock In case potential bidders have

not received the invitation, Scottish Amicable spells it out loud and clear. Time is ripe for success in gaining control of underperforming assets. Institutional shareholders are becoming increasingly reluctant to back incumbent management as they are being forced to deliver short-term investment perfor-mance for our clients. Competition invites fund managers to take any bid premium going, often by selling in the market, regardless of the long-term con-sequences. So make that bid

Bigger fish than Scottish Ami-cable adopt this strategy, though they are more coy about it. It is not surprising that escapees-underperformed the market by an average 12 per cent in the first

The bid brings forward poten-tial share price growth. Far more telling is that 10 out of 13 were underperforming after three years. As Douglas Ferrans of Scottish Amicable notes, aggressors usually have the upper hand. The defender has to make some pretty bold promises and often fails to deliver".

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There are big exceptions, such as Racal and Dixons, whose independence rewarded investors. And if fund managers unthinkingly backed bidders, lower. So a tactical veil will cloak fund managers' eagerness. But

anyone framing public policy on takeovers should realise that a simplistic principle that all premiums should be cashed to boost short-term performance is all that can be expected from institu-tional shareholders.

Lloyd's line of least resistance

☐THE "final" offer to disgruntled Lloyd's names may be no more final than the last time.
But some modified version of the
detailed plan unveiled vesterday
seems likely to pass muster in the
summer, despite the chorus of
disapproval that immediately peppered it. That may not be because it is a great plan. It is clearly flawed. But Lloyd's David Rowland has one power-ful force going for him. Most people concerned have grown so battle weary that they want the issue to be over and done with.

At least this Lloyd's settlement plan would achieve that. It can terminate the misery of any name. All liabilities for the past can be quantified and dealt with, and names can finally end their

sentence in the insurance mar-ket. Just as important, those liabilities to be reinsured with Equitas will be capped. On the basis of £2.8 billion kitty, the cap is £100,000 of new money.

Otherwise, 9,000 names might have to pay more and 2,000 might be down for £400,000. Capping will take about £1.2 billion, against £800 million reserved for litigants. It will also benefit from extra money from auditors, brokers and managing agents that will be needed if thousands of successful or optimistic litigants are to back

the settlement instead. When the latter groups do their sums, they may find that many names do not care if the plan lapses, Lloyd's fails its names solvency test and has to shut up shop. Extra should be forthcoming. Then, more will surely be reserved for litigants before the rest helps lower the

liability cap.

If such changes are made, the unavoidable injustices of such a scheme should not stop it. The arrogance of Lloyd's still might. The Council of Lloyd's would still wield its long-discredited dis-cretion to deny access to one or-more of the funds to professionals nominally responsible to the disciplinary board, as well as shirty outside names. Still no point being a name if your face

Managers buy £200m British Alcan businesses

By Martin Barrow

A MANAGEMENT team has triumphed in the race to acquire the downstream interests of British Alcan for £200

British Aluminium, a newly formed company backed by institutional investors, is acquiring 12 businesses from Alcan, boasting annual sales in excess of £500 million and profits of more than £25 million. The company will be based in Manchester and will employ about 4,200 people. The businesses being ac-

THE European Court of

Human Rights is to examine

an appeal by Ernest

Saunders, former chief exec-

utive of Guinness, that he

was denied a fair hearing in

his trial on fraud charges.

The hearing takes place on

In May 1987, Saunders

was charged with false accounting, theft and the

destruction of documents.

The charges related to the

1986 takeover of Distillers by

Guinness. The Serious

Fraud Office accused

Guinness of artificially in-

flating its share price during

the takeover battle.
In August 1990, Saunders

was convicted and sentenced

to five years in jail. Three

prominent businessmen

were also convicted - Ger-

ald Ronson, chairman of

Heron International, which

took part in the share-buying

operation: Anthony Parnes.

a trader; and Sir Jack Lyons.

er Products, manufacturer of Bacofoil household foil, clingfilm and wrapping prod-Amersham and Huddersfield.

It also owns Luxfer Gas Cylinders, the manufacturer of high-pressure gas cylinders, with UK operations in Nottingham and Aldridge, Staf-fordshire, and in the US in California and North Carolina. Baco Metal Centres. another subsidiary, is the largest aluminium distributor in

A total of £265 million has

who acted as a management

consultant to Guinness.

They have always main-

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therefore could not be classi-

In May 1991, the Court of

Appeal upheld the judgment

against Saunders on all but

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Saunders appeal

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FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN STRASBOURG

been raised for the transaction, allowing scope for new investment and growth. Institutional investors in British Aluminium include Mercury Development Capital. CVC Capital Partners and Morgan Grenfell Development Capital.

The management team will also have a stake in the

The chairman of British Aluminium will be Jeff Whalley, the chairman of FKI, basis with lan MacKinnon chief executive, and Brian Purves, financial director.

Mr McKinnon was former ly a member of British Alcan's management team from 1991, when he was recruited to manage the speciality and ierosdace division. He lef during 1994 to assemble the management buyout. He is a former managing director of Leyland Bus.

Mr Purves is currently a member of the Rover Group executive committee and has held senior finance positions at Land Rover, at Rover's commercial division and at Rover Group headquarters.

At FKI, Mr Whalley has presided over the company's increase in value from £250 million to £950 million since the demerger of FKI Babcock

The conviction was upheld again last November when The businesses are being acquired from Alcan Aluminium, the Canadian the Court of Appeal was asked to reconsider the case parent of British Alcan. Britin the light of new evidence. ish Alcan will continue to be Saunders' new appeal centres on the use at this trial of the UK's largest producer of primary aluminium, rolled statements he made to Department of Trade and Inaluminium products and aludustry inspectors. He claims mina chemicals.

Its activities will comprise Alcan Smelting & Power UK. based in Newcastle, which operates primary aluminium smelters with a combined capacity of 179,000 tonnes a year: Alcan Rolled Products UK: Alcan Recycling and Alcan Chemicals Europe.



Building up hopes: Andrew MacKenzie, left, chief executive of Bryant, with Sir Colin Hope, chairman, yesterday cent and completions dropped

Farnell bid for Premier in balance

THE fate of Farnell's £L8 billion bid for Premier was balanced on a knife edge last night as the leading institu-tional shareholders finalised their positions for today's vote (Alasdair Murray writes).

Attention centred on the voting intention of the Pru-dential fund management division, which controls 6 per cent of the voting rights. Prudential was believed to be concerned about the cost of the deal but last night refused to comment on which way the company would vote at today's extraordinary meeting. Prudential's position is crucial because Farnell needs 75 per cent of the vote to proceed

with the takeover. Farnell claims the support of about 24 per cent of shareholders. Farnell's share price fell 10p to 639p.

Time-Turner deal and top job in jeopardy

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

THE \$7.5 billion takeover deal between Time Warner and Ted Turner's cable television network could be in jeopardy and the future of Gerald Levin, Time's chairman, has

been thrown into doubt. The deal faces strong oppo sition from the powerful Federal Trade Commission (FTC), whose approval is needed for the takeover to go ahead. The FTC believes the deal has 'manifold problems" which could prove too complex to iron out. If the deal went through it would create the world's largest entertainment group, worth \$20 billion.

Meanwhile, a devastating 15-page article in New Yorker magazine, written by Connie Bruck, who is an authority on Time Warner, details a series

of blunders by Gerald Levin in negotiating the deal which substantially raised its cost to Time's shareholders. For example, it is alleged, he failed to notify Telecommunications Inc. Time's largest share-

holder, before announcing the takeover, allowing TCI to demand cheap access to the Turner network, and a series of other "sweetheart" deals as the price for not blocking the

News of the deal sparked intense boardroom in-fighting that could have spelled disaster for Levin if the cochairmen of Warner Bros, Bob Daly and Terry Semel, had carried out a threat to resign. Levin bought them off with extra compensation of \$150 million and sacked Michael

Fuchs, the head of Warner Musica and their arch-rival, who is likely to get a pay-off of about \$70 million.

Outmanoeuvred at every turn, with feuding executives increasingly unhappy shareholders, and a growing reputation for profligacy, Mr Levin's "eventual forced exit seems likely*, the article says. speculation that Mr Levin's departure is inevitable whether or not the Turner deal goes

Many observers believe Mr Turner, who is to become Time's deputy chairman, will oust Mr Levin at the earliest opportunity if his company is taken over. But if the deal collapses, Mr Levin is likely to be ejected by his shareholders.

through.

Profits at Bryant halved but prospects promising

By Alasdair Murray

BRYANT, the housebuilder revealed yesterday that half-year profits had halved to £10.1 million as the industry continues to suffer from poor consumer confidence.

Shares fell a further L5p to 104.5p, but later recovered to close unchanged at 106p. Sir Colin Hope, the chair mism for the rest of the year. The prospects for the housing market in 1996 are show

ing signs of gradual improvement as purchaser confidence responds to reductions in personal taxation and interest rates."

Overall turnover fell 5 per cent to £232 million for the six months to November 30. The homes division experienced a fall in reservations of 20 per said that all the homes divisions, apart from County profit while the construction division maintained profits at £1.1 million.

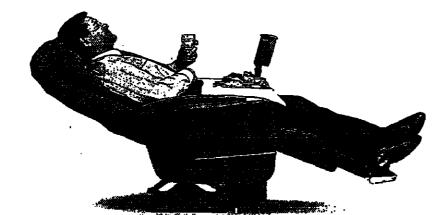
The company increased the average house selling price to £114,000, from £106,000 last year, largely-owing to a concentration on more expensive sales. But operating margins fell by 6 per cent as build costs increased. The company's land bank was reduced from 9,700 to 9,000 plots. The company added that it was now concentrating on negoti-

ating options to purchase land. Bryant revealed that it had made a £500,000 provision to cover 80 redundancies announced last autumn, and had negotiated a number of reductions in build costs, which combined with a decrease in overheads would enable the company to boost operating margins.

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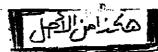


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Wall Street helps to show London the way forward

slowdown in factory gate prices and another firm start to trading on Wall Street enabled share prices in London to shake off some of their recent lethargy.
The FT-SE 100 index suf-

fered an early fall of almost 20 points, reflecting the remnants of a sizeable sell programme. believed to have been carried out late on Friday by BZW and overnight weakness on world bond markets. But the drop in factory gate prices and an opening leap of almost 50 points in the Dow Jones average on Wall Street saw it claw its way back to end the session 10,3 points up at 3.726.6. Trading conditions were described as thin with just 648 million shares changing hands by the close. The market took the fallout

from Friday's Isle of Dogs bomb outrage in its stride, although a few companies were undermined by events. The political consequences of the subsequent breakdown of the ceasefire left Northern Ireland Electricity nursing a fall of 16p at 410p. But there were other factors at play: NIE also had to contend with the shares going ex the 5p divi-dend. Charterhouse Tilney. the Livernool broker, also changed its recommendation on the shares from a "buy" to a

Other companies to be hit included hoteliers, with Granada down 12p at 712p, and Greenalls 3p at 574p. MAI fell 10p to 425p, with

still no sign of the suggested bid from Carlton Communications, 2p firmer at £10.36. News of last week's proposed merger between MAI and United News and Media has been attracting growing opposition from fund managers. At least one is said to be urging Carlton to step in and make an offer for MAL

Mercury Asset Management yesterday sold a total of ing from 430p to 442p. Last Friday, it unloaded a further 8.3 million shares. It now accounts for 5.98 per cent of MAI. United News, publisher of the Daily Express, finished

Ilp lower at 634p.

Blue Circle Industries was a firm market, climbing 13p to plans for the group to build a new town at Ebbsfleet in Kent, which lies close passenger station p for the high-speed



Spurs shares rose llp on better sponsorship prospects

Argyll, the Safeway supermarket chain, firmed 3p to 320p ahead of today's trading statement, which is expected to make positive reading for

Reuters also rose 13p to 644p ahead of figures. Revenue growth is expected to show signs of decline, but brokers are hoping that the

e-tax profits more than halve to £10.1 million. Sir Colin Hope, chairman, hlamed the setback on a distinct lack of purchaser confidence. He was more optimistic about prospects than he has

Manchester United continued to draw strength from the news of last week's £40 million sponsorship deal with Umbro.

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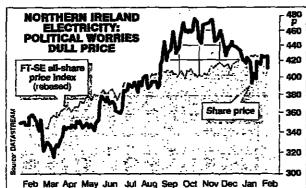
Rank Organisation finished 8p up at 473p excited by talk of a possible link-up with Time Warner, the US media and leisure group. Its Warner Bros subsidiary will today announce a E225 million investment in the British leisure and entertainment sector linking up with a leading British media and leisure company.

company will announce proposals to buy back its own shares using some of the E800 million cash it is currently

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Farnell Electronics slipped 10p to 639p as it continued to urge institutional shareholders to support its £1.8 billion takeover of Premier Industrial in the US. The bid is being opposed by both Standard Life and Legal & General, but Farnell says three of its four biggest shareholders, accounting for 24 per cent of the company, have already offered their backing. The Prudential, with 5.5 per cent of Farnell, has still to decide which way to vote.

Amersham International. the diagnostics specialist, cele-brated US Food and Drug Administration approval for one of its products with a rise of 15p to 850p. It has been iven the okay for Myoview, its radiopharmaceutical agent for heart imaging. Brokers say the world market for Myoview is worth about £250 million, with the US alone worth £140

Tepnel Life Sciences touched 90p, at which point the group announced it knew of no reason for the recent rise in the share price which saw it more than double in value last week. It ended the session 4p lower at 70p. GILT-EDGED: Prices in London clawed back early losses, prompted by overnight set-backs for US Treasury bonds and German bunds. But trading remained thin, with investors adopting a cautious stance ahead of this week's Bank of England report on inflation, the RPI and publication of the Scott Report into the

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STANDARD'S LIFE's vocal opposition to Farnell's bid for Premier tells a cautionary tale about shareholder activism. Those who hoped that institutions would use their block votes to support ethics may end up disillusioned. Having found their voice, some fund managers want a bigger role in running UK plc, not confined to sermons about salaries.

in simple terms, fund managers at the Standard believe that Farnell is paying too much for Premier. They fear that savings available from merging the businesses will be lost on day one to the shareholders of Premier. Interest cover will fall, making Farnell more risky and the large equity issue will put earnings per share on a treadmill, running

fast but standing still for at least a year.

The initial dilution is acknowledged by Farnell and the core of the problem is whether

market.

promised long-term gains. Standard is quick to declare its support for the board (how could it say otherwise, having amassed 2 per cent of the shares) but refuses to shut up and sell.

Standard would pay dearly selling shares today, because of the depressing effect of the rights issue. More interesting is its decision to take its argument with the company public. Standard has already sent a round robin letter to chairmen on corporate governance issues but initiating a row over strategy indicates which issue is more important to the institution. Standard has effectively said that Farnell's bosses are wrong on the biggest issue facing them and the company. Having taken that view, Standard should not meddle in the bid for Premier, it should ask for the Farnell board to go.

Bryant Group

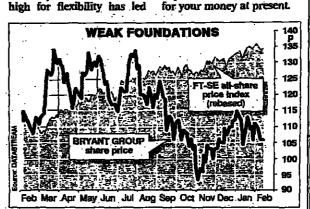
BRYANT provided no nasty surprises in yesterday's halfyear results, but the company was able to offer little to

dispell the gloom that has engulfed its share price. Even by the recent fairly dismal standards of housing company results, Bryant's performance was poor. Rivals such as Berkeley Group have suffered from the dull market but have dealt with the challenge in a more enterprising manner. Bryant's excuses included an increase in build costs, a problem that should have

been addressed late last year. Chairman Sir Colin Hope attempted to inject some optimism into Bryant's current trading position, but the trading levels talked about were less than those of early 1995, when companies briefly believed that the elusive homebuyer was back in the could even be facing more There is also a worry that serious problems

This seems far-fetched, but Bryant is loaded with land bought expensively a few it will take at least two to three years before Bryant years ago, although the comreally recovers. Expected pany vigorously denies this full-year profits of £24.5 milsation. The expensive land holdings and gearing. lion place the shares on an that, despite a reduction from expensive multiple of 18. Bryant is not a secure home

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RUMOURS that Allied Domecq is heading for a break-up ought to raise questions not only about Allied but about companies whose strategy is to acquire and develop brands. Big branded drinks companies have been a pretty poor investment over the last five years. Shares in Guinness, Grand Metropolitan and Allied Domeco have all significantly underperformed the all share index over the period and there are. few brokers willing to bet

of outperformance. That in itself is curious on promotion is a genuine given the prognosis of slower and household brands are thought to be good bets in a recession because of their sales resilience at a time of lower spending. However, two worries are beginning to erode investor confidence in such companies.

gaining acceptance as inexpensive proxies for wellknown consumer brands. Cheaper generic drinks cannot entirely displace leading brands but the competition can erode prices and market share, leading to loss of margin and profit.

Growing consumer scepticism towards the price premium demanded by brand manufacturers reflects investor suspicion of the economics of the business. Maintaining brand leadership requires continuing investment in promoting the product.

is whether the money spent investment in sales growth or merely covers depreciation of the goodwill attaching to the trademark. Most brands lack the international clout of Coca-Cola or Guinness and even the most successful companies own a long tail of indifferent products. Sometimes sitting proudly in the books as a prop to the

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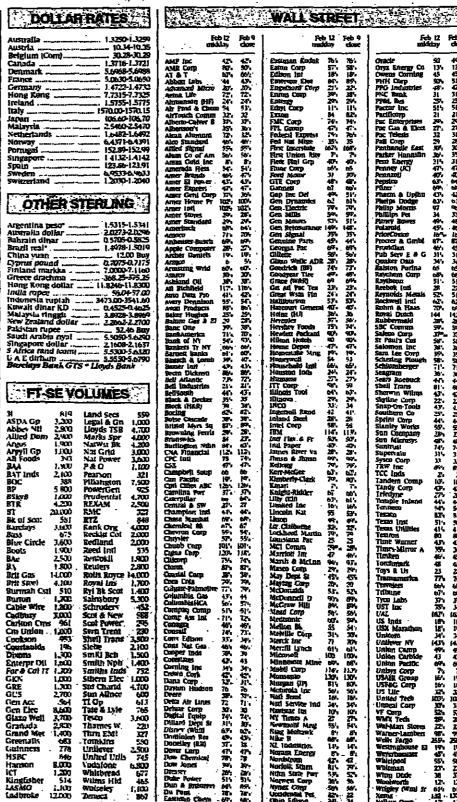
The suggestion that Donald Trump might be interested in building casinos in Ebbsfleet. Blue Circle's new town project, has excited the market, adding 13p to the company's shares. A curious reaction given the Donald's volatile financial track record.

Development of Blue Circle's 400 acres of land in north Kent has been mooted for many years but last month the company applied for planning permission to develop 175 acres around the Channel tunnel rail link station. Even in its imagined ghastliness, a Trump Town in North Kent seems more plausible than Disneyland in Paris but Blue Circle's plans for Ebbsfleet could take 20 years to realise, no reason to

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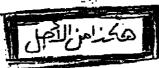
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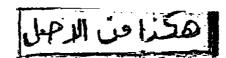
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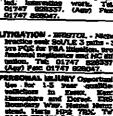
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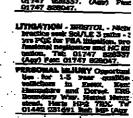
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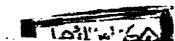
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Anthony Scrivener, QC, on the implications of the Scott report, and David Pannick, QC, on the future role of judges in inquiries Scott: unfair attack on a fair judge

report by Sir Richard Scott will be that, in future, public interest immunity (PII) certificates will again have some credibility.

The evidence at the inquiry revealed the shenanigans that went on when the Matrix Churchill PII certificates were signed. These appeared to conceal the fact that, contrary to expressed Government policy, sales of arms to Iraq hadbeen encouraged and one of the defendants had been used as a British spy. Even the not easily ruffled Sir Humphrey would have

Ministers took different approaches to signing the certificates. One did his own thing and took responsibility for what he signed. This looks like an example of what used to be called ministerial responsibility - a doctrine which seems to be in decline.

Others were told by the Attorney-General that they had no choice in-the matter and they had to sign — and so they did. Another did not like being told to sign and carefully noted his reservations for posterity. and required those reservations to be passed on to the court.

Unfortunately, in the euphoria of obtaining this important signature to complete the battery of certificates, everyone seems to have forgotten to inform the court of the ervations. This was all the more sad bearing in mind this was a criminal trial. To use the words of Hamlet, the whole episode was enough to cause:

Each particular hair to stand on Like quills upon the fretful porcupine."

An Attorney-General telling minristers that they must sign on the dotted line to prevent disclosures seems a long way from those proud words of Viscount Kilmuir, a Conservative - Lord Chancellor. who, in 1956, said that if documents "are relevant to the defence in criminal proceedings, Crown privilege should not be claimed".

The Attorney-General's opinion that ministers had to sign the certificates came under close examination at the Scott inquiry. are recommended for light reading it will be interesting to see if this notion of the Attorney-General survives the report; or whether ministerial responsibility is due to

The confidence of the public and the courts will be greatly restored if they can at least be sure that a minister has considered the documents and exercised his own judgment before deciding to sign a

cernificate. In this way, he will have taken personal responsibility for the decision and so will not be heard later to say that the senior law officer somehow put him up to it.

Everyone accepts that it may be necessary to protect state security, and perhaps other sensitive material, but the Scott report will reveal whether the certificates were issued: in the Matrix Churchill case for such honourable purposes or merely to protect against political

embarrassment. Hopefully, the report will ensure that, in future, PII certificates are used only for legitimate purposes.

The real problem for the Government is that it is likely Sir Richard has unearthed some unpleasant truths

The only protection against abuse of this procedure is a truthful and frank certificate given by a responsible minister which is then considered by an impartial judge who, having all the relevant infor-mation, is able to strike the appropriate balance between the interests of the State and the individual. It is hoped that the Scott report will help to achieve this objective:

There is a more sinister aspect to the Matrix Churchill fiasco. It seems probable that the generous use of public interest immunity certificates distorted the trial. The effect of the certificates was to deny to the defence practically every document which would haveshown the truth and would have confirmed the defence. Anyone who knew of the documents hidden by the certificates should have appre-

The question which the Scott report may well address is: who allowed the prosecution case to be presented on this false basis? This exclusion of the evidence meant that innocent men ran the risk of

It is obvious that the Government is expecting flak from the report. There are those in the party aithful who are attempting to rubbish the report on the grounds that Sir Richard Scott adopted procedures different from those proposed by Lord Salmon in an earlier and different type of inquiry, and the report was therefore unfair. Lord Howe of Aberavon has already been a vociferous spokesman on the subject.

It is a pity that Lord Howe does not examine, for comparison, the procedures used by the Department of Trade and Industry or perhaps by the Serious Fraud Office or even the police had he done so he would certainly have been much better informed and perhaps less outspoken.

The fact is that the procedures suggested by Lord Salmon for use at inquiries were never intended to be applicable to every situation. He was at pains to emphasise that such rules had to be flexible according to the different types of inquiry.

The procedure at the Scott inquiry was eminently fair: questions were provided in advance, every witness was able to consult his lawyer even during questioning, a witness could not be compelled to answer, the witness was able to correct the transcript of his evidence afterwards, and no criticism could be made in the report unless the witness had been given an opportunity to comment on it.

hose businessmen who have been witnesses at a DTI inquiry will have little sympathy for politicians complaining about unfairness at

the Scott inquiry.

The real problem is that it is likely the judge has unearthed some unpleasant truths. There is plenty of evidence of this from the Matrix Churchill trial itself: remember poor Alan Clark when faced unexpectedly with a document no longer protected by a certificate? He said: "... well, it's our old friend being economical, isn.t.it?"

And thus he brought back happy memories of another "old friend" being caught bang to rights at an earlier trial in which the Government was involved.

Anthony Scrivener is a former chair-



INNS AND OUTS

Juries not guilty

THE NEW minister in the Lord Chancellor's Department, Jonathan Evans, MP, has hit back at statements by Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, that juries now no longer reflect their community and are "skewed" towards the working class and the unemployed.

Mr Straw's allegations of "loose practice" — by which the self-employed and professionals can easily evade jury service — were "very wide of the mark," says Mr Evans. "The Criminal Justice Act 1983 introduced the possibility of deferral of jury service. This aims to reduce requests to be excused. because those who have commitments, such as holidays or specific work problems, are expected to serve at a later date."

He quotes research for the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice showing that the occupations of juries matched the general population "with a slight over-representation of cierical workers and underrepresentation of skilled manual unrkers"

Jungle out there

KEN LIVINGSTONE, MP, is developing a successful sideline as an expert witness. He recently gave evidence on behalf of the zoo owner John Aspinall at the latter's successful appeal to allow trainers to enter his zoo's tiger enclosures. Mr Livingstone supported the argument that the ban prevented the trainers from doing what they wanted to do.

But Mr Aspinall's lawyer, David Harrel, a partner at S.J. Berwin & Co, says: "He also offered to give expert evidence on wildlife, drawing on his extensive experience of going in with live newts."

Food for thought

MEMBERS of the law firm Nicholson Graham & Jones, who wondered what the correspondence mysteriously headed "Project Balti" was about, now know. Its entire pensions department, consisting of eight lawyers, was negotiating to move to the London pension firm Sacker & Co, which will almost double in size as a result.

A spokesman for Sacker & Co explains the project's unusual code name. "The head of Nicholsons's department, Ian Pittaway, and his team met in an Indian restaurant to discuss the possibility of mov-

Perils of doing the dirty work

ir Richard Scott's long-awaited report into the export of arms to Iraq will be published on Thursday. Its contents will seek to answer many questions about the propriety of gov-ernment conduct, but it will raise almost as many questions about the future role of the judiciary in conducting inquiries on behalf of the

Prime Ministers have habitually turned to judges to investigate and report on important and sensitive issues. Some of these inquiries have concerned national tragedies or traumas, such as the Aberfan disaster (Lord Justice Edmund Davies in 1966-67), allegations of child abuse in Cleveland (Lady Justice Butler Sloss in 1988). and the Hillsborough stadi-um disaster (Lord Justice Taylor in 1989).

On many occasions, the ubjects entrusted to judges have had the potential to become politically explosive Lord Denning conducted an inquiry into the security int-plications of the Profumo affair in 1963. He later wrote that some of the evidence was "so disgusting — even to my sophisticated mind that I sent the lady shorthand writers out and bad no note of it taken".

Then from 1965 to 1968, Lord Pearson chaired a Royal Commission on Trade Union Reform In 1972, Lord Wilberforce reported on miners' pay. Lord Diplock advised on legal procedures for terrorist trials in Northem Ireland and Lord Widgery inquired into the events of Northern Ireland's "Bloody Sunday", in which 13 civilians were killed. Lord Scarman's 1981 report on the Brixton -riots and Lord Woolfs 1990 inquiry into cerned issues of fundamen-

tal political dispute.

Prime Ministers choose judges to conduct these in-quiries for a variety of reasons. Judges are skilled at considering a mass of evidence analys

ing its relevance and weight, and producing a reasoned conwhat occurred and why. Judges are, and are impartial when troversial is-

which carries a judge is likely Appointing

such dirty work is not a peculiarly British phenomenon. When President Kennedy was assass nated in 1963, it was natural for his successor, President Johnson, to appoint Earl Warren the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, to conduct the investi-

gation into the shooting. The use of judges to inquire on behalf of the Government works well when the issues concern disputed questions of fact, or proposals for reform of technical areas of law. Then the judi-

ciary is playing to its strengths. When, by contrast, judges are invited to make extra-legal judgments, whether political, social or moral, politicians have recognised that the judge's lack of prior expertise is out-weighed by the value of an

> The fundamental dispute will boil over on Thursday con-

> > weight to be attached to the conclusions . and recommenjudge who was not an expert on the working practices of Whitehall before he began his task. The attack has been led by Lord Howe of Aberavon. He has Sir Richard has

DAVID PANNICK QC failed to understand the realities of the way government operates in the

Yet Sir Richard was appointed precisely to ensure that substantial allegations about the propriety of gov-ernment conduct were thoroughly considered by an endent person from le Whitehall, who would study the material and apply objective stan-

This is likely to be the last such inquiry for many years. Politicians and civil servants are going to take a long time

that a judge has required difficult questions about their official conduct. They will be very reluctant in future to let a member of the judiciary loose on politically sensitive issues.

The impact of the Scott report on the judiciary will be equally traumatic. Prime Ministers and Lord Chancellors are going to have to twist point if they are ever again to persuade a judge to accept responsibility for conducting an inquiry into a politically will occupy months, or years, of work, and which leads to hostile criticism and may result in political repudiation of the judicial findings.

A ny judge who feels he is being made an offer that he cannot bruises inflicted on Lord Nolan during his continuing inquiry into standards in public life.

Whatever the short-term Scott report, the most significant long-term effect will be to ensure that, in future, judges are less frequently distracted from their primary task of deciding cases in

If the Scott report protween judges and politicians. it is because the inquiry has confirmed that there are irreconcilable differences between them.

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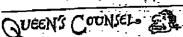
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Peter Goldsmith, QC, and Michael Beloff, QC, reject criticism of Cherie Booth

The cab rank rule keeps us impartial

The real story

would be if Ms

Booth refused to

of the Leader of the Opposition, was made a Queen's Counsel on the recommendation of the Conservative Lord Chancellor. Lord Mackay of Clashfern. It was a vivid and valuable demonstration of the constitutional doctrine that the administration of justice and party politics are separate in the United

itself an object lesson in the fact that gender imposes no fetter on success at the modern Bar. However, on no fewer than three occasions public criticism has been made by various persons of Ms Booth's advocacy on behalf of one local authority seeking to enforce its

council tax defaulter of another seeking to justify its dismissal of allegedly incom-petent staff, and of Peter Clowes seeking to obtain parole; and within the last week she has been

invited to comment on her representation of a child seeking to enter a selective school. The suggestion is that, as a Labour supporter, Ms Booth should not deploy her professional talents in the service of those who, from a left-wing perspective, are scarcely politically correct or attractive. Even this newspaper has spoken loftily of possible "embarrassment".

We cannot emphasise too strongly how misguided (even mischievous) such criticism is. The "cab rank rule" is as important an element of the Bar's code of conduct as can be found; it has indeed received the sanction of statute (in negative form) in Section 17 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990. It means, as Lord Mackay, then Dean of the Faculty of Advocates, said in 1978: 'An advocate had to represent people even though he did not like their views, and whether they had legal aid or not."

Why is it so vital? The words of Lord.

Erskine, untered in 1792 in justification of his defence of Thomas Paine (the

ported the French Revolution), are relevant almost two centuries later: "From the moment that any advocate can be permitted to say that he will or will not stand between the Crown and the subject arraigned in the court where he daily sits to practise, from that moment the liberties of England are at an end."

Kingdom.

No objection can be taken to the importance that the advocates cannot natural curiosity of the media in Ms pick and choose their clients on the popularity of political grounds, on the popularity of the client's cause, or on whim. In certain Commonwealth jurisdictions. with a fused profession, there have occasionally been real difficulties in

advocate to prejudge the menus or otherwise of a client's case (although he or she may, of course, advise the client as to his chances of sucappear for a client' cess); that would be to usurp the rule of the judge or jury. The most disreputable litigant is still

entitled to proper representation. Lord Pearce in 1969 pointed to the reality if it were otherwise: "It is easier, pleasanter and more advantageous professionally for barristers to advise, represent or defend those who are decent and reasonable and likely to succeed in their action or their defence than those who are impleasant, unreasonable, disreputable and have an apparently hopeless case. Yet it would be tragic if our legal system came to provide no reputable defenders, representatives or advisers for the latter, and that would be the inevitable result of allowing barristers to pick and choose their

Finally, the rule enhances consumer confidence in the reality of access to the best justice that private or public money can obtain; and in the impartiality of advice received, uninfluenced by perceived personal or political predilection on the barristers behalf. Advocates can decline to accept



Cherie Booth, QC, cannot pick her clients on the basis of their politics

instructions on various grounds: lack of time: lack of adequate remuneration fif the case is privately funded): lack of experience in the particular field; lack of time to prepare; conflict of interest. refusal to participate in proposed deception of the court. But he or she cannot do so because the client or the client's cause fail to pass muster with a section of the electorate or even with

their elected representatives. Lest it be thought that the cab rank rule is a formal tradition rather than a living principle, or even that it is more honoured in the breach than the observance, the authors can testify to its daily utility in the courts of law. David Pannick, QC, represented the leader of the Unification Church in the

High Court in a much-publicised case last term; but he was instructed for his forensic skills, not any adherence to the Church's beliefs; Michael Beloff, QC, (co-writer of this piece) opposed him for the Secretary of State; each might have taken the other's role; neither would for a second have declined to act.

The real story would be if (which is unthinkable) Ms Booth succumbed to pressure and refused to appear for convict or Conservative council. She should be allowed to continue unharassed with her practice. Her critics should be grateful that the profession which she adorns is faithful to the rule which she applies. Some principles are more important than partisan political points.

Getting into a feather bed with Labour

Tony Blair is wooing the lawyers and putting their

minds at rest, says Edward Fennell

Lupton & Broomhead is

about to second one of its

senior lawyers to the PFI

with electioneering now begun in earnest, City lawyers are preparing for a change in administration. Richard Price, a partner with Mc-Kenna & Co, confessed: "If we're honest about it we're all expecting a Labour goverriment."

No politically sensitive is-sue is of greater concern to lawvers than the Private Finance Initiative (PFI), which has generated lucrative fees for solicitors when the private sector is asked to bid for public service contracts. Although it got off to a couple of false starts, lawyers are now seeing a steady stream of PFI work. They are keen to know whether this will continue under Labour.

The attraction of PFI is that it brings work from both the public sector and from potential contractors. The leading law firms are trying to build up a track record with each. Berwin Leighton, for example, which has 19 lawyers in its PFI team and acts for the Treasury on Gogs (the Government offices in Great Smith Street), is also working for contractors bidding for substantial slices of NHS work.

Phil Bretherton, a partner, says: "It's important to understand the needs of both sides. We're close to the Private Finance Panel but also appreciate the priorities

panel both to advise and to gain a better insight into the way the panel works. David Hickman, a partner, says: "We suggested it to the panel and they were delighted to take up the offer."

PFI work is a good exam-ple of the positive role that lawyers can play in helping to bridge the gap of under

standing between govern-ment and the private sector.

So far they have not been disappointed. Alistair Darling, the Shadow Treasury minister, is currently meet ing City lawyers and seems to be whispering reassuring words. One lawyer who lunched with Mr Darling last week said that, with a couple of exceptions, there would be no significant change. Jerome Misso of Eversheds says: There may be a certain amount of rebadging, but the essentials will remain the same."

> Alistair Darling: reassuring words In many respects it remains an immature market with the financial implications in need of much refinement. One feature of this is the depth of resentment among contractors, particularly in the construction sector, at the

> > are now being asked to take on some of the risk. Mr Hickman says: "One of the features of PFI work is that the lawyers are being brought in by bidders at a much earlier stage. This has its ups and downs. Because a

expense involved in bidding

for projects. Their lawyers

contractor may have to

preparing his bid, the law-yers are being asked to share in some of the burden."

So while the pickings from a successful PFI bid can be very rich indeed, the lawyers may gain meagre (if any) fees from those which fail.

This is making the top lawyers very circumspect in whom they act for. Mcken-na's, for example, has expertise in construction and has developed a strong record of work for the Department of Transport. This has made it an attractive adviser to bid-

ders for new road projects. in one case recently the firm was approached by four of the prospective consortiums. McKenna's partners had to weigh up the decision very carefully. Richard Price says: "There is an enormous amount of risk involved. To go with the wrong bidder could lead to a substantial

Success in PFI work demands an array of expertise, experience and resources. Eversheds and Dibbs, both leading national firms, feel that their combination of City teams and network of regional offices has positioned them well to attract work from NHS trusts, universities and so on.

But when Dibbs was awarded the work by the Benefits Agency for contracting out the National Insurance record system it was on the basis of its acknowledged strength in the information

technology field.

Some specialisms, however, may die an early death. McKenna's is exceptional in its work for the prison sector acted for the successful Securicor consortium), but Mr Price suspects this may count for little in 18 months' time. "Prisons may be dropped by Labour from PFI," he says, "as just too loaded politically."

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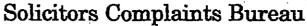
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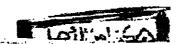
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VISUAL ART

'Don't come in my gallery until you have something

Richard Cork chooses Cézanne's final masterpiece to conclude his survey of the Tate's show

Bathed in a valedictory glow

anging alone on the final wall of the Tate exhibition is Cezanne's last and finest version of The Large Bathers. Nobody knows for certain, but he probably painted this climactic canvas in the year of his death. The ailing artist must have been hard-pressed to execute so much of it during the months before he died in October 1906. But I cannot lament Cezanne's inability to complete a picture he may have regarded as his valediction. The lack of finish adds to the painting's marvellous zest.

If he had been granted more time, Cézanne might have buried this vivacity under layers of troubled reworking. After all, another version of The Large Bathers hangs near by as a reminder of the labour he was prepared to expend on the subject. Lent by the National Gallery in London, this smaller canvas is a formidable achievement. But when set beside the final version it looks burdened with the prolonged effort Cézanne devoted to it.

He probably worked on it for !! arduous years. And the London version is undoubtedly more resolved than the third version (now in the Barnes Foundation collection in Pennsylvania). Anyone fortunate enough to have seen the Barnes Large Bathers will realise that it is a pictorial battleground. Scarred with ruthless revisions, it testifies to the dissatisfaction which made Cézanne such an anxious artist.

The London painting seems, by comparison, almost serene. But Cézanne must have realised, when he stopped work on the London Bathers in 1905, that he could surpass it.

He was right: the last version amounts to a remarkable victory over the obstacles which Cézanne created when he embarked on the Large Bathers series in the 1890s. While convinced that the female nude should be the focus of the masterpiece he wanted to produce, this inhibited man could not bring himself to work from posed models. Since adolescence he had suffered from a chronic iear of women, and the idea o scrutinising naked females terrified him. Ambroise Vollard, his dealer, recalled that Cézanne "made an exception only for a female servant ... an old creature with a roughhewn face of whom he remarked admiringly to Zola: 'One would say she's a man!"

Hence the conspicuous beefiness of the bathers themselves. Even when he contents himself with a few forceful contours. Cézanne retains the ability to construct women of Amazonian proportions. Look at the kneeling bather on the far right, jutting immense shoulders forward like a female weight-lifter.

Not all the women assembled here have such doughty physiques. The figure sketched so concisely behind



In their pastoral idyll, Cézanne's bathers seem fulfilled: the work of an old man who is reconciled at last with the women he painted

eht-litter seems more siende and agile as she darts away from the rest of the group. Cezanne balances her vanishing back with a frontal view of a woman on the far left, even more lightly defined. But the slimmest forms are reserved for the two women who turn away and gaze at the water beyond. They lean forward like divers braced for a plunge.

Their presence is echoed by two other figures on the opposite bank. Cézanne has left the canvas empty where their faces should be, and the luminosity of these unfinished heads gleams like a beacon through the intervening heat haze. They appear to be staring at the solitary woman in the river. They may be envying her. for this swimmer seems lost in the pleasures of the water. And just

above her body, the extended hand of a woman in the foreground hovers protectively over her.

This unexpected gesture possesses the gravity of a baptismal blessing. It provides a key to the mood of the ainting, for Cézanne has positioned his sculptural figures at the base of an aspiring arch formed by the tall trees. Here is the area where he departs most audaciously from the two earlier versions, which sliced off display their true height.

Now, by contrast, the elongated trunks thrust heavenwards like vaulting in a cathedral nave. They move towards the pyramidal form which excited Cézanne so much in the Mont Sainte-Victoire. And the two principal women adopt poses that mirror the direction of the trunks behind them.

These women and their companions remain the most commanding elements in the picture. That is why Picasso learnt so much from their simplified and distorted bodies when he painted Les Demoiselles d'Avignon a year later, renouncing the sweetness of his own previous work. By flouting perspective even more than Cezanne, and drawing on the

Picasso prepared the way for the far greater heresies of Cubism. He makes Cezanne seem protoundly attached to tradition.

Moreover, the aggressively angular women in Les Demoiselles are prostitutes. Their disillusioned urban harshness is utterly at variance with Cezanne's wholesome figures. Rejoicing in their pastoral idyll, his bathers seem serene and fulfilled. They are the work of an old man who, having begun his Large Bathers sequence in a state of extreme agitation, ended it by reconciling himself at last with the women he painted.

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Fat ladies yes, dead sheep no Julian Spalding's new Glaces

gallery will have space for Beryl

Cook, but none for Damien Hirst

gallery can be launched these days. without a healthy dose of controversy. Glasgow's £7 mil-lion Gallery of Modern Art, due to open next month, is no exception. Its director, Julian Spalding, has denounced the "dictatorship of taste" that governs the art world today, and declared himself firmly on the side of art as entertainladies of Beryl Cook to the formaldehyde sheep of Da-mien Hirst, and will exclude from his gallery a clutch of young Scottish artists who have been widely praised.

Spalding's remarks set him at odds with most gurus of

modernism. He is unrepentant. 'i am very critical of modern art galleries at the market is moment," he same 50 artists As he ticks off the words he hates most -- "se-

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erota, director of the Tate, hovers in the air. Spalding waves it aside. "When you are looking at a wonderful picture, you don't say, that's impor-tant, you say I love it. Art is about people and about communicating with other people. A lot of modern art is present ed as if it has been validated by a priesthood which prothem coming out and simply saying I love it."

The problem with this line of argument - although it will certainly strike a chord among some disillusioned art-lovers - is that it seems to set its face against innovation, the dangerous territory where art experiments rather than panders to popular taste. Spal-ding's remarks about Beryl Cook, whom he admires, or even David Shepherd, whose paintings of elephants he likes (though they will not be in his collection), have led critics to fear that the new gallery will be reientlessly middle-brow.

Spalding rejects this.

To self-respecting art "I like Beryl Cook. But I an gallery can be also interested in art tha catches a wider imagination Other curators are tied to the appron-strings of the art ma ploited, then dumped. In saying there are millions o other people expressing them just on conceptual art.

The new gallery is constructed on four floors, each dedicated to one of the ancien have an eclectic collection ranging from the art of Scot

Bellany, Currie and Peter terflies by David Measures. There will be interactive and computer art

downstairs, and enough abstract that this is not

simply a temple to some premodernist era. But there will no space for Damien Hirst. Nor will we see the work of young Scottish artists such as Christine Borland, Calum Innes, Julie Roberts, Douglas Gordon or tracted international attention. listed for the Turner Prize, and most have been selected for the opens at the Modern Art Gallery in Edinburgh later this month. Ironically, Frieze magazine, bible of the avant-

the group had helped to ne. Glasgow on the cultural map. Spalding, who was brough up on a south London counc tate, remains unconvinced. "Af the moment I don't know

garde world, said recently that

where they're going, what they're saying," he says. "I'm interested in art that shows development. Too much modern art feels that it

has to shock to be new."

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AROUND THE GALLERIES

number of Paul Feiler's more recent paintings Lhang opposite a selection of drawings and paintings from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s in a special display at the Tate St Ives. These recent paintings hang close to each other, punctuating the visitor's circular progress through the galleries. Collectively they create a disturbing retinal effect, like a sudden shift of focus, as if a contact lens has fallen out. The paintings consist of a fine build-up of gradations of shallow thin bands of changing and shifting colour. Instead of being dry geometric exercises, however, they oscillate between creating a disengaged grey mass and pinpointing the sharp quality of light particles in a natural atmosphere. Tate St Ives, St Ives, Cornwall (01736 796226) until April 21

Daphne Wright has moulded and wrapped objects with aluminium foil for her current exhibition. The gallery is transformed into a sparse and scrubby metal forest of trees festooned with elongated mannered pears hanging in clumps. Wright tries to keep close to the structures of nature; and yet the branches of the trees are unconvincing. Chunky thick volumetric sections of branch give way at the end to protruding bent wire. From a corner of the gallery comes the sound of a muffled male voice that mumbles something like "let me go" or 'liquid gold" on a perperual tape loop. Despite the intense lighting in the gallery, the piece is undramatic. London Artforms. ground floor, 7-15 Rosebery

1900) until March 21 ☐ Beth B. an avant-garde film-maker from New York, shows a number of disturbing images on three floors at Laurent Delaye Gallery. She

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spotlights shine down upon wax casts of parts of women's bodies. A cast, for instance, of the bones of a woman's foot after it has been bound shows crippling disfigurement. A ruptured breast implant on a torso shows a kind of negative or imploding space. Many of the most terrible things done now and in the past to woman's bodies are listed and illustrated here. Each piece is shown in the kind of antique display used in medical school before the advent of computer imaging. The text that accom-panies the show is informative, but the form that the ultimately not as upsetting as the facts they portray.

Laurent Delaye Gallery 22 Barrett Street, St Christopher's Place, London W! (0171-629 5905) until March

☐ Lucy Wood's shining new trampoline with a great area of half-inch thick glass suspended from the frame provides an excellent conclusion to a well chosen show of work by eight people. Francis Carlile's table with veneered legs and a worn and unfinished top explores the line between the real and the constructed, Nicholas May's cloudy, dusty, mooncratered paintings look good in this thoughtful three-dimensional company. David Foster's paintings consist of dense paper cast in shallow relief spended and framed within a background mesh, while Kate Davis uses video screen, metal and a blue painted glass surfboard to provide clues which are then scrambled in a bid to make sense out of lorns. The Tannery, 57 Bermondsey Street London SE1 10171-394

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Michael Archer reviews a disturbing yet entertaining American artist

A word from our dummies

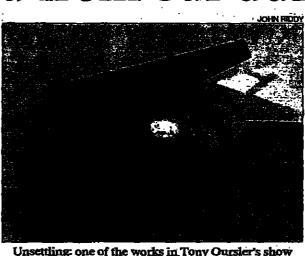
herself at a wall. The implacability with which it resists this onslaught is painful and absolute. But, as the woman can see, the wall is made of flowers. It should yield to her, providing a soft, tragrant embrace. So she throws herself again and again, only to be rebuffed each

We, the spectators, can un-derstand the whole tragic conceit. The wall is a gallery ers onto which the video image of the woman is endlessly

Visitors to the Lisson Gallery have to step round Flower Wall in order to gain access to the main body of American artist Tony Oursler's exhibition. His art exerts the mesmeric charm of illusion. It also conducts a thoughtful enquiry into one of the most richly productive sources of illusion itself: the images and messages of the communications

Oursler, inspired by the constant mutterings of the homeless inhabitants of his Lower Manhattan neighbourhood, makes effigies and dummies that render suspect the thin line between benign normality and unhinged psycho-"Dummies" is his preferred word for these presences since it implies that they are not merely silent but

Disturbingly, though, they both speak and make a frightening kind of sense. Their bodies are garments held loosely in shape but unstuffed. while the padded white cloth bags that form their heads act as screens onto which videoed faces are projected. The effect is uncanny and it is bard to



Unsettling: one of the works in Tony Oursier's show

they really are alive. Oursier has made the Lisson Gallery a Babel of voices. They are insistent and menacing: perfectly audible, but never loud enough to drown out their neighbours. The woman in Inversion, for instance, knits her brow and is worried about "going up" too far and too fast. An upside down man, his feet resting on the ceiling, has his head close to the woman's and mouths silently in response to her panicky protests. It is an intimate conversation with a private demon, albeit one that is unsettling for those forced to

shake off the impression that

witness it. All this might be rather intense and serious were it not for the fact that Oursler's work, like the media it comments upon, is endlessly entertaining. His scripts are tightly written and, when not down right funny, at the very least wrv and well-observed. Upstairs, for instance, in a

scenario that is far more Steve

Martin than Damien Hirst,

about how best to understand the world. Clearly there can be no agreement, no meeting of minds. A common set of standards cannot be established between the emotional and rational views put forward by the two protagonists.

the contents of two specimen

jars talk to one another A

large (female) heart and a small (male) brain argue

could happen is illustrated near by where a small dummy props up one corner of a TV with its head. Television pumps out be comforting pabulum of day-time TV while its diminutive support talks incessantly at and with it in a variety of voices. The film, City/Country (Window), is projected onto a screen shaped like the train

another. They are each in dialogue with another charac-

ter who is off mic, and there is

thus a gap in the apparent

speciator can slip. How this

window from which it was Like the unending stream issuing from Television, the rhythroic sound of the train sets a persistent pulse tha throws the idiosyncrasies c the dummies, and of their onlookers, into syncopate

Tony Oursler is at the Lisst Gallery, 52-54 Bell Street, Londo NW1 (0171-724 2739) until Fe





■ FILM

On a roll the Martin Scorsese roadshow hits London with a view to making a killing on Casino



RADIO

Radio 4 premieres one final, typically bizarre play by the irrepressible Mel Calman

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■ MUSIC

Hear it once, hear it twice: Jonathan Harvey's new work is given an immediate reprise at St John's



■ TOMORROW

How I became the new screen lago: Kenneth Branagh talks about the Bard, acting and fatal jealousy

You talkin' to him - or at him?

ome film directors, press-ganged into criss-crossing the world to plug their latest movie, find that when they reach Rome or Rio they have an interview schedule as busy as Butlin's in November. But there is never a shortage of people keen to schmooze with Martin Scorsese. And there's only so much time available for him to do it in. The result is an A-list of profile writers granted quality time with him, one-

rest have to queue.

And do lots of homework. Before you meet Scorsese, maker of Taxi Priver, Mean Streets and Cape ear, you have to read the production notes, and watch videotapes of the several interviews and press. conferences that Scorsese has already given in various cities about his new film. Casino. The film. which traces the Mafia's move into Las Vegas, stars Robert De Niro and Sharon Stone. It's a trueish story: only the names have been changed, to protect the guilty and a

on-one and no holds barred. The

bevy of mobsters on the FBI's witness protection programme. So, by the time you finally meet Scorsese, there is little you don't aiready know about him or his movie, apart from how much navel fluff he accumulates. But that doesn't stop dozens of journalists from all over Europe gathering in London's Dorchester Hotel, pa tiently sipping coffee and waiting to

be furnelled in and out of his suite. At last, it's your turn. But just as you are about to enter Marty's suite, along with five other Euro-pean hacks, all you are wondering is this if I were Bob De Niro — nobody calls him "Robert", because that implies you don't josh with him most nights over a beer at New York's Bowery Bar — how would f approach this interview? How would I get into the part of inquisitor, because well, Bob and Marty have, like, a rapport?

because Scorsese is the sort of movie person who attracts not Tarantino. reporters, but film buffs. For these people, waiting with their tape-Recorders outside his suite in five ... someone tells Scorsese. "Was that ... Casino opens in Britain neat week

Joe Joseph sits in as film buffs

try to impress

Martin Scorsese

at his own press

conference

at-a-time batches, this is not an interview, this is an audience with one of cinema's cleverest, most mesmerising, most controversial

And when the five of you are finally ushered into the room and led to Scorsese and he says hello, howdyadoo, hello, hi, all you're wondering is when will some overzealous member of your party say You talkin to me - just to show they have seen Taxi Driver and that they love Marty and Bob.

But they don't, because they are looking in awe at his neat grey flannels, at his black shirt and his navy jacket, and watching him doesn't go out of the head cos it's fiddle restlessly with what looks small but it stays in to scramble the fiddle restlessly with what looks like a wellworn blackfack chip, and what they're thinking is: "Jeez, he's shorter than I imagined. Much.

But, having restrained themselves, they then ask questions to which even Scorsese's devoted mother would not be interested in knowing the answers, crucial things like, did he change the carpets in the Vegas casino they used as a film set? Did he get enough sleep during the shooting? Who got to keep the suit de Niro wore in this scene or that?

- This information is not for publication; because nobody would be interested - except maybe a fanzine But they ask all the same. You will often hear journalists aemally bickering with bemused film directors about what their And you are asking yourself this : movie really means - especially if it's someone like Quentin

You used music sometimes, or very often, in an ironical way,"

in your head right from the beginning? Scorsese's face is say-ing "What?", but his mouth politely

replies: "In many ways."
Then someone says: "Would you reckon that Casino is a wiolent meuwie? I'm from Sweden," and everyone wonders if he's actually from another galaxy because Casino is so gruesome in parts that it's best not to eat beforehand: and you won't want to eat afterwards. It

may be the first diet movie.

But at least it gives Scorsese a chance to get excited. Scorsese gets excited when he's talking about Mafia violence — which he abhors, but feels he has a duty to portray

authentically.

"All the violence is accurately depicted," he jabbers, leaning for ward, furiously flipping his black-jack chip, "to the point of even having technical advisers there police, ex-hitmen - saying Oh yeah, he'd come this way, you'd put the gun here," (Scorsese points two fingers under the back of his skull)," this way, three shots with a 22 in the back of the head, the bullet goes around the brain, it brain, and then when he hits the ground you hat five more in his head. Silencer, please. You put a silencer on. You have to do that."

Swedes, apparently, aren't con-vinced you do. The rest of the interviewers grin serenely, as if Moses just recited the Ten

"Doesn't it make you sad," says the Teutonic journalist who had noticed Scorsese's ironical way with music, and who was now distraught that anyone had the gall to criticise Scorsese's violence quota, "when they just pick these little scenes and you do the whole frank and 'provocative movie 'on an intellectual level or on a morality kind of level, doesn't it make you sad that they just pick out these, you know, on the surface

morality?" You could tell from the way Scorsese looked that he was. You could tell.



You used music in an ironical way," someone tells Martin Scorsese, "Was that in your head from the beginning?" Scorsese's face is saying "What?", but his mouth politely replies: "In many ways" CONCERT

Twice bitten

Sinfonia 21/Brabbins St John's

AS THE "composer in association" for three years with the chamber orchestra Sinfonia 21, Jonathan Harvey had the benefit of hearing his new Hidden Voice, commissioned by the orchestra, twice in one concert. Its premiere opened the programme and, after a brief question-and-answer between the composer and the conductor. Martyn Brabbins, the novelty was instantly repeated.

If this is a continuing option offered by the orchestra in a debate with its audience about the presentation of new music, I am all for it. With a short work (less than seven minutes in this instance), one's ears are opened and ready to absorb more detail from the second performance, which attractively highlighted what amounts to an conversation-piece, the eponymous hidden voice" that of a muted violin, viola and cello heard in relation to the other instruments.

Textures thereby set up impinged more directly when they were repeated, focusing attention on the delicacy of string writing in contrast to a more ritual sounding of brass and tubular bells. Otherwise Brabbins conducted convincing performances that seemed to meet with the composer's approval, and added another novelty: the Sketch No 2, EBB from the juvenilia of Benjamin Britten.

Its first public performance here followed a broadcast of several works from Britten's teenage years. This one was composed when he was 17. His own initials in the title suggest a self-portrait as the viola player he once was, through the expressive association of solo viola (warmly played by Martyn Outram) with the string ensemble.

For the rest, Piers Lane was a deft and scintillating soloist in the Shostakovich Piano Concerto No 2, but Ravel's Ma Mère l'Oye found its requisite balance of content and enchanted character only in the later movements

Ned Chaillet on how Times man Mel Calman's last play made it to radio

Late show for a free thinker

ndacious. I said to Mel Calman. "Funny and know where Radio 4 can put. it." Mel's new play was on my desk at BBC Radio Drama, and one of the leading roles was written for a talking

Mel had previously written plays about a man who woke up one morning to discover he had grown rabbit ears, about a pawnshop debate between a talking saxophone and a ventriloquist's doll and, exceptionally memorable, a tragi-comedy about the death of a rum baba (played by Richard Griffiths).

As quirky as his cartoons for the front page of The Times and his books. Mel's plays for radio revelled in the freedom of the imagination. Why shouldn't a pastry shelf in a Sono teashop—the model was Patisserie Valerie, where we did calorific research — be stocked with a flighty French eclair, a philosophical strudel and an irritable rum baba. reluctantly drying out?

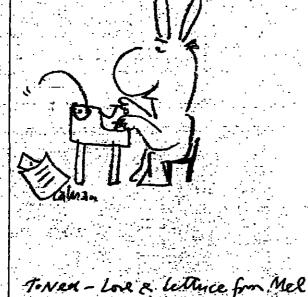
And why shouldn't their fate be in the hands of a dithering would-be adulterous couple randomly selecting cakes as they endlessly postpone consummation?

That play, Sweet Tooth, struck a popular chord from the day of its original Radio 3 transmission, and has been heard around the world. The morning after the first broadcast I received a call from The Times of the drama of the Netherlands asking for the script, the name of Mel's agent and the rights (the Dutch apparently having their own sweet tooth for comedies of

love and death). When it went out later on Radio 4. we got a cheerful letter from the author Len Deighton asking for more of Mel's plays to be broadcast on Radio 4, so they could be heard even further afield in

Heartache was the name of the new play, and it was meant the new play, and it was meant the warring interests of the different body parts made a heart attack inevitable. Mel And the regular drama slots un daytime radio. And the

regular audience... Mel told me he had written the role for David de Keyser, and that when I offered it to sensible life.



him I should reassure him: "It is a hig part." We fixed a time to meet for

lunch on a Tuesday early in February, 1994. On the preceding Friday, I woke to hear, on Radio 4, the news that Mel. had died of a heart attack. He had been in the Empire Cinema in Leicester Square with his partner of ten years, Deborah Moggach.

Her later account in The closing of the cinema, the clearing of Leicester Square, of his ambulance and the journey to the hospital, would have appealed to Mel's sense of theatre, and of comedy, mextricably linked

. I spoke to Deborah twice over the next couple of days, and re-read the play several times. It had everything except an ending. Harshly, ironically, it was about the body parts of a man who goes into hospital after a heart attack. heart attack inevitable. Mel had himself had a heart attack, and had hanished smoking and heavy drinking from his life, drawing wonder-

Although I had worked with Mel on all of his previous plays, no one knew him better than Deborah. If the play was to be finished, the person to find the concluding scene was the woman who was with him when he died. She agreed to finish Heartache and Michael Green, the Controller of Radio 4, said he would find a place for it. Which brought us back to talking penises and tea-time audiences on network radio.

hen he turned to radio, Mel had put aside the well-made plays he had taught himself to write. A great fan of the theatre, he had written a play that was immaculately constructed, witty, sophisticated and knowingly cynical about

adulterous couples. ... We had worked together on The Times, with on occasion. Mel drawing extremely furniy illustrations that reflected our adventures at the Edinburgh Festival. When I arrived in radio, I suggested that he ignored the well-constructed play and create radio cartoons, like his cartoon book. Penis." Audacious. Yes. The Big Novel. Eventually we - The author is producer of Heartful cartoons in support of a did The Big Novel for radio. Ever after the first play, Mel - Radio 4 at 11pm on Thursday

wrote for actors he loved; the Rum Baba for Griffiths; the Rabbit Man for Jim Broadbent, parts for Melinda Walker, Meg Davies, and with music from his friend Ronnie Scott - Pawnshop Blues, another play for

Mel was the sort of man who would lead his daughters around an art exhibition backwards in order to avoid the queues going forward. His plays are like that. And, it must be admitted, not every audience relishes a cartoonist's spin on experience. But letters about his plays have never stopped coming in.-

Heartache has finally happened because Radio 4 found room at night for the play, and because Deborah Moggach knew how to end the play, when real emotion and comdy would come together with Mel's broad comic strokes.

I will never stop missing moments with Mel: at a hotel breakfast in Edinburgh during the Books Festival where he and Deborah were being celebrated: at the Groucho Club where we plotted new plays; at the Garrick Club, or in his Cartoon Gallery with Ian Hislop leaping on top of Mel's desk to applaud an exhibition of Private Eye cartoonists. The front page of The Times has never been the same for me without him.

But bringing his final work to radio is another kind of joy. Completed by Deborah, with Meg Davies taking the part written for her as the ex-wife, it also provides the moments where four of his favourite actors come on as the body parts.

True to Mel's intent, the Penis was offered to David de Keyser as a "big part"; his agent confirmed that he would rise to the occasion, and, yes, he plays it circumcised.

What Mel would have heard, as the play materialises on Radio 4, is Charlotte Green announcing. Richard Griffiths as the Brain, Lee Montague as the Heart, Jim Broadbent as the Stomach, and David de Keyser as the

ache, which will be broadcast on

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Fores, rougher o near an action form, with soprano Kim Creswell and battone George Divorsty. The SCO appears egain on Finday for a programme that features liges's The Linarswered Question, Copland's

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LONDON PHILHARMONIA TIMES TWO: The PHILLIPARISONIA TIMES TWO The orchests offers an all-Radmannov programme for the first of two concerts his week. Spring Cardata, Pussian Folloongs and Symphony No. 2. Sarah Chang is the solerst on Thursday for yorks by Weber, Mendelssohn and Radmir.

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RICHARD II This week is London's last chance to see Floria Share as the puppyish lang. This daming becell casting succeeds, as does the whole of Deborah Warma's production.

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BAGNOR Wendy Toye directs George Stles and Anthony Draws, authors of many a Watermal muscus, in their revue Warts and All Likely to be with and whimsical The company also includes

ELSEWHERE

THE CHANGING ROOM, David Screy's fascinating play about a rugby league team preparing for the weekly game _lames Macdonald directs the Ouke of York's. St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 S122) Mon-Sal, 7 30pm, mars Thurs and Sat, 3pm. (5)

COMMUNICATING DOORS Angela Thome reopens Ayokbourn's ingenous time-travel play, fleeing from a vengelul enemy via the doors of a hotel that take her forward and back a couple of decades Savoy. Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed and Sal, 3pm (2)

☐ EAST LYNNE. Mrs Henry Wood's famous tale of the downfall of Lady Isabel Vans, played by Rachel Power (Mary Ganth in Middlemarch), Pruip Franks directs new adaptation by Lisa Frants directs new adaptation by Leas Evans, who made a fine version of The Tenars of Wildfelf Half last year. Greenwich, Crooms Hilf, SE10 (0181-858 7755) Mon-Sat, 7.45prb, mat Sat, 2.30pm. (5)

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and profitable trend for rock stars in recent years. Both Gary Moore and Eric Clapton have found that a trip back to their blues roots has earned them newfound popularity - and increased record sales.

The American musician Robben Ford is the latest guitarist to have booked his return ticket, with a new album entitled Handful of Blues. Some may argue that he has had less distance to travel back than most, having recorded blues albums with both singer Jimmy Witherspoon and his family group. the Charles Ford Band, in recent years.

Then again, as both the new, album and his live appearance testify, basics is probably too blunt a word for Ford's music. This is blues moulded, polished and perfected by years of playing with everybody from George Harrison to Miles Davis

Backed by a tight band that included Tom Brechtlein on drums and Roscoe Beck on bass, he displayed, from the very first number. Running Out on Me. a style of playing that was fluid, inventive and rarely self-indulgent. There

(shades of Miles perhaps) to his solos, especially on ballads like Nina Simone's Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood or the Otis Rush classic. My Love Will Never Die. But it was not just his instrumental talent that impressed. He has admitted to having taken singing lessons recently and his voice, al-

Robben Ford and

the Blue Line

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was a controlled passion and

almost horn-like quality

though light-toned, was heard to good effect on the Ray Charles number, Don't Let the Sun Catch You Cryin'. in a gig that was sold out and wildly applauded. Ford proved to be very much his own man. With a crossover appeal that has made him popular with both rock and blues audiences, he is proba-

bly the prototype for the

bluesmen of the late 1990s.

And, like his namesake, it's a



"Blues moulded, polished and perfected over the years": Robben Ford and the Blue Line

A s former front man and main songwriter in the Pixies, Frank Black was partly responsible for creating the irrepressible pop sound that Nirvana used as a blueprint for 1991's Nevermind. However, rather than cashing in on his own legacy, Black disbanded the Pixies at the height of Nirvana's fame and opted for a full-time solo career.

Since then, while fellow Pixie Kim Deal has enjoyed success fronting the .
Breeders and the Amps, Black seems to have found attention much harder to same witty stage repartee. But his combine all three. Then he gave us Pixies fans waiting to hear songs from

Black to the future black clothes and big bald dome do give him a certain other-

worldly charm. Black's fatest alburn, The Cult of Ray, further in-

Ray, further in-dulges his passion for science fiction, Ain't Me to propel the first signs of life surfing and surrealism and he began into the set. the show with its opening track. The

Frank Black Astoria, Wl

burns. But it took the defiant rush of the

ty number. Cat and

Mouse, featuring

the eerie Los Ange-les, taken from his

previous two al-

come by. True, he wasn't blessed with Marsist, the weird atmospherics and extra guitarist, bass player and drum- have expected in his previous band. Deal's looks and doesn't trade in the starf-style riff of which manages to mer, most of the crowd looked like old

seven or eight years ago. After half an hour, there seemed to be little chance of hearing anything lively, let alone anything from Black's previous life. Then Black hit a brilliant three-song stretch which began with the soaring single Men In Black and was followed by the cranked up instrumental Mosh, Don't Pass The Guy and the surreal . Kicked In The Taco.

By the time the band returned for an encore of impressive B-sides such as Pray A Little Faster, Black was finally Although Black has a new band of inspiring the kind of reaction he would

ANN SCANLON

Merry-making soon goes beyond a joke

TOM BANCROFT's refreshingly down-to-earth ambition as a composer is to write "good tunes that you can hum on the bus". It was consequently no surprise, on this London leg of his 14-piece orchestra's national tour, to find them eschewing the more esoteric brands of big-band jazz in favour of a lively, accessible repertoire comprising everything from light, Basie ish swing to no-holds-barred free-for-alls in the Mingus tradition.

Bancroft was born in London in 1967, but moved to Scotland nine years later, and his band draws several key members - drummer John Rae, guitarist Kevin Mackenzie, trumpeter Colin Steele, saxophonist Phil Bancroft

(Tom's brother) and bassist Kenny Ellis country's finest small groups, the John Rae Collective. Rae himself is a neat, supple drum-mer, the subtle

heartheat of Bancroft's project, but it is Phil Bancroft who sets the band's tone with his ebullient, abrasive tenor playing, and trumpeter Claude Deppa who gives it life with his mixture of spearing stridency and musical ribaldry.

The band went into entertainment mode as soon as they took the stage.

102 Tom Bancroft Orchestra

spoken vocals from the leader and feline Purcell Room noises from the horn section. A little less jokey, but no less

exuberant, was the subsequent Bancroft composition. Pie-ology, replete with squalling brass, querulous tenor and sudden ensemble climaxes, all decorated with typically unpredictable spurts and smears from Deppa. Skew-whiff tangos, dark skeins of folkish skirling and uncomplicated, riff-based, shouting swing followed in almost

hitting a jump-jive equal proportions. By the interval, it groove with a novel-was difficult to suppress a yearning for was difficult to suppress a yearning for something discreet and soothing. A six-part suite, Birk Hedges, in-

impressionistic opening attempting to recapture the awesome splendour of the night-time sky came close to delivering it. However, a humorous follow-up piece, involving the horn section chastising an imaginary dog. dispelled the mood, and it was back to slightly laddish rambunctiousness for much of the concert.

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Alderbrook clears first hurdle

By Julian Muscat

PREPARATIONS for Alderbrook's imminent seasonal debut moved up a gear yesterday when Kim Bailey schooled the reigning champion hurdler for the first time since his victory at Chehenham 11 months ago.

It will be an anxious trainer who runs his hand down Alderbrook's forelegs this morning. The seven-year-old. sidelined through injury for the last six months, showed no immediate ill-effects after jumping a total of 16 hurdles on the Lambourn gallops. But Bailey preferred to deter judg-ment on the exercise. We won't know for sure how he

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Nap: FRONT LINE (3.40 Kelso)

Next best: Rainbow Top (3.20 Lingfield Park) Richard Evans followed up Squire Silk on Saturday by napping Forestal (8-1) at Hereford yesterday.

handled it until he spends a night in his box," he said. Alderbrook, whose experience over timber stretches to just three outings, has been plagued by a knee injury he sustained when campaigned on the Flat. The indications are that he has now turned the corner and Bailey is to test the theory in the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton a week on

Thursday. "I am very happy with the horse." Bailey said yesterday. "The schooling exercise went well and he showed he has retained his enthusiasm. I had delayed schooling him so that Norman Williamson could be aboard but that obviously went out of the window when Norman dislocated his shoulder on Saturday."

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Alderbrook begins defence of his crown with a run in the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton next Thursday

remains unclear how long he must convalesce; he dislocated the same shoulder in a fall seven months ago and may require surgery. "I'll try to get back as fast as possible but if my shoulder comes out again.
I'll have to have it operated
on," the jockey said.

Williamson, already in the clutches of his physiotherapist, is to rest for two weeks before contemplating a return to the saddle. With the Cheltenham Festival commencing four weeks today, his whole season effectively hangs in the balance. "I don't feel too good with his latest setback. It at the moment," he said.

"Unless I recover quickly, it could be four to six weeks before I'm back."

Bailey is to monitor the performance of Fortune And Fame at Gowran Park on Saturday before finalising riding arrangements for Alderbrook at Wincanton.

A disappointing run from Fortune And Fame would leave Richard Dunwoody without a Champion Hurdle mount and Bailey is keen to keep his options open in the event that Williamson fails to recover for the Festival at Prestbury Park. Dunwoody, for his part, has been linked in

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EMERALD STORM best Stop The Waller SI in 12-namer handicap chase over course and distinct (good to soft) with ABERCATOMIST CHEF (25th better oft) 37 SB, NEDDALDSAVE (98) better oft) 13 SB and BASNEY RUBBLE; (10th better oft) 14 SB and BASNEY RUBBLE; (10th better oft) 15 SB and BASN

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a secondary capacity with Atours. One riding arrangement to

be confirmed yesterday was Conor O'Dwyer's place aboard Imperial Call in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. O'Dwyer excelled himself on the seven-year-old in winning the Hennessy Cognac Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Sunday, prompting the gelding's trainer, Fergus Sutherland, to retain the alliance on March 14.

"Conor gave the horse a beautiful ride - as near perfect as you could wish for." Sutherland said from his stables in Co Cork. "He was very positive and the horse re-

sponded with a great round. The horse came home, ate up and there isn't a scratch on him," Sutherland continued. "He's as fresh as paint. The vet who attended him after the race on Sunday said he could hardly believe the horse had just had a race." Sutherland was similarly

bullish about the prospect of Imperial Call, now as low as 5-I for the Blue Riband, matching strides with One Man at Cheltenham. "I won't be worrying about any horse other than my own," he said."

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

quinhess arkle chase

Cheltnhara, March 12 GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

5-1 9-2 5-1

All roads lead to Cheltenham for the next lew weeks, and there is some value to be gleaned before the final trials are staged. There are several discrepancies among the bookmakers in the Arkle Chase, and that looks the best Festival race to get involved with

Martin Pipe's ex-French Crabongie heads the betting on the strength of her impressive Cebut in this country, when routing the opposition at Werlinck. However, she tended to hundle her tences. there, and may come unstuck over Chattenham's stiffer

obstacles.
A storing lists chellerings is headed by Maginettan Castle and Ventaria Castle. The latter was crusting in third when falling two out in the race wen by Maginettan Castle at Leopardstown last month, and Edward OGrady's gelding, who finished second in the Suprente Novices' thirdle at last year's Festival, is likely to fare best of the pair granted a clear round. However, with that doubt in mind, 5-1 makes little appeal.

The from running Arctic Kinsman was restricted to one run tast season, but was impressive in beating Callisso Bay, or his chasing how at Leicester. The problem for him at Cheffenham will be the old of fellow pacernativers, with Draboroic, Cartainly Strong

be the glut of fellow pacernaters, with Draborgis, Certainly Strong and Ask Tom all best when allowed to dominate.

Certainly Strong has gone from strength to strength this term, writing comfortably at Ascot less time, and before that bearing Captain Khedive by seven lengths at Sandown. Captain Khedive runed his change with a mistake at the second last that day, and has sound prospects of reversing the form at Cheltenham on 71b better terms. A winner at Cheltenham already this season, CAPTAIN KHEDIVE is at his best when held up off a strong page and, at 25-1 with Coral, is worth an each-way wager.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Hereford

Going: heavy

Privating Ham (7-2), 9 ran, 8, 23 P. Nichols, Tota: £7.30, £1.80, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £8.70 Tric: £10.20. CSF £15.05. Tricast: £22.85.
3.00 (2m; 11 hdle) 1, Spring Saint (6 Upton, 4-1), 2, Goldingo (7-2 tav), 3, Lawristood Junior (14-1), 13 ran 6, hd Miss C Horfer Tote: £5.60, £23.0, £1.60, £3.60. DF: £18.10 Tric: £94.50. CSF £19.81. Tricast: £17.30.2. After a stewards: inquiry and an objection by the third to the second, result stood.

second, result stood. 9.30 (2m 31 ch) 1, Reve En Rose (J R Kananagh, 7-2); 2, Cheisse Native (16-1), 3; Polly Mithor (14-1) Myblackthom 15-2 (av (f) 10 nan 25, dat M McMillan Tote. 123 90; £2.00, £3 70, £2.00 DF £36 80.

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4.30 (3m 11 110) d ch) 1, Double Silk (Mr R Trelogger, 11-10 tawl, 2, Drumard (33-1); 3, Pausry Bridger (12-1); 12 ran, NR (33-1); 3. Rusty Bridge (12-1); 12 ram, NR Gaelic Sumnse Dest, 151. R Wilkens Tole \$1.90; \$1.80; \$4.00, \$4.40. DF \$18.10 Tho, \$185.50 CSF, \$40.14

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5.00 (2m 1f holie) 1, Forestal (Mr J Jukes, 8-1 Richard Evans's risp), 2, Northern Singer (16-1), 3, Lyphand's Fable (6-1), Pndewood Picker 3-1 fav. 14 ran NR Rosevear. Royal Standard 5, 11 S Griffiths Tote 590; C1 70, 159 90, 52 40 CF; 638 20 Trot: \$484 10 (part won, pool of 5545 50 carried forward to 4 10 at Kelso today). CSF. £123 75. Tricast £766 39

Southwell Going: standard

Safe 1397 3.10 (Im 3f) 1, Sea God (C Munday, 5-2 tav); 2, Museum (16-1); 3, Imperal Bid (8-1) 10 ran 41, 141, M Chapman Tote, C3 00, £1 30, £5 30, £2 70 DF 273 40, Ino £132 30 CSF; £39 79 Thous! £270 49 3.40 (1m) 1, Prozefighter (O Pears, 9-2 tay); 2. Square Deal (6-4), 3. Muss Zanaber (8-1) 8 ran Shihol, 31 JEyre Tote £4 60, £1 90, £1 30, £2 50 DF £5 00 CSF £11 82 Incast £49.22.

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4.10 (1m) 1, People Direct (R Cochrane 15-8 p-t-art), 2, Arch Angel (11-4) 3, Elpertre (8-1) Burmbleton 15-8 p-t-ar 7-ran 1-1, 2, F McAuttis Toter £2 30, 21.20, £2 10 DF 15-40 CSF £7-60 Bought in 6,800gns

Placepot: £10.90.

SPECIALISTS

LINGFIELD PARK: Trainers: P Harris, 9 winners Irom 32 runners, 28.1%, Lord Hunlingdon, 37 from 171, 21.6%, D Murray-Smrith, 12 from 59, 203%, K McAutiffe, 9 from 50, 18.0%, K O'Sulfivan, 46 from 267, 17.2%, W O'Gorman, 28 from 164, 17 1% Jockeys: J Weaver, 62 winners from 265, 23.4%; R Cochrane, 48 from 273, 17.6%; T Ives, 20 from 116, 17.2%, S Whrtworth, 22 from 133, 16.5%, P Fessey, 3 from 20, 15.0%

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

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1 NT(12-14) 2 D 3 H Contract: Four Hearts by South

have the king of diamonds. South should overtake the even if they are two-two.

Lead: six of spades

12 Nxe5 13 Ot5 14 Nc6

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69 and Armstrong on 67. The final round will be played at the end of March. ace. Hence, to make up his Sport and in the Weekend I NT opening bid, he must section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

CAPELINE

By Robert Shi	eehan, brid	GE CORRES	PONDENT
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Having escaped a club lead,

how should South play? There are two possibilities: play for the trumps to be 2-2 for East to have a singleton honour), or take the diamond finesse for a club discard. Which is it to be? This is a hand on which

the declarer can draw inferences from the opening lead. The topic is well covered in Albert Dormer's book, Dormer on Deduction. Against this auction. West would certainly lead a high club if he had the aceking. So, when he leads a passive spade, the most that he can have in clubs is the

jack of spades with the queen and take the diamond finesse. He then discards a club, ducks one round of trumps, and later plays on spades, allowing the defence to take three trump tricks ☐ After two good secondround wins in the Premier League, Paul Hackett's team heads the table with 83.5, well ahead of Goodman on

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in

WORD-WATCHING

a. A bridge convention

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Answers on page 42

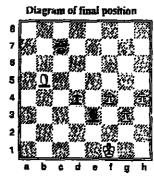


BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT Kasparov's revenge

Od5 Ob5 Oc5+ Oa7+ Oa8 Oa3-Garry Kasparov, the world champion, having learnt from his defeat in the first game, gained revenge in the second game of his march against the IBM Deep Blue com-puter in Philadelphia. The third game is tonight. White: Garry Kasparov Black: Deep Blue Philadelphia, February 1996 Catalan Opening

52 Ga7+ 53 Ob8+ 54 Be8-55 Bb5 + 57 Bc4 58 Kg2 60 14 ed3 62 Oc5+ 66 Od8+ 66 Od8-71 Od8-71 Od8-71 Ob5 77 Od8-71 Ob5 77 Od8-71 Ob5 oxf6 Qc8 Rb8 Bc3 Qxb8 Qc5 Kg7 Rb2 Rb2 Rxa2 Qc8 Ra1

Diagram of final position



Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Bxa1 Oh8 KI8 Kg7 Kg8

White to play and mate in two moves. This position is a problem composed by Lilian Baird, the Brighton chess prodigy, in 1890. when she was still nine years old. The black king has four flight squares and so it looks as if it will be difficult for White to mate in two moves. How are the escape squares taken away from Black?

Solution on page 42





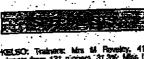
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SPORT

strict Cup message for Walsall

By Russell Kempson

summer, I found myself going

working out all the angles of what I'd do if I played there.

that we didn't beat Middles-

brough first time. They've now got to cope with us at our place

and I fancy we can beat them.

The reward is a game with Huddersfield and, with all

due respect, we've got to feel

we can beat them as well.

Then we're only a couple of games away from Wembley."

Holdsworth has to serve a two-match suspension, after

his sixth booking of the season

in the 2-1 defeat at Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday. Birmingham could

ordered to play a game behind closed doors after it was

revealed that coins and a

snooker ball were thrown onto

the pitch during Sunday's

Coca-Cola Cup semi-final first-leg defeat by Leeds

Gary McAllister, the Leeds

captain, was struck by a

missile as he prepared to take

corner at the end of St

ndrew's housing home fans.

McAllister was unhurt and

appeared to laugh off the

incident, tossing a coin to-

But Keith Cooper, the refer-

ee, has told the Football Asso-

ciation that the coin which hit

the Scottish international was

also handed a snooker ball by

his linesman. The incidents

came just nine days after an FA inquiry found Birming-

ham guilty of two misconduct

charges after the game with

that any further outbreaks of

misbehaviour this year for

which they were deemed re-

sponsible could result in them

having to play a home match behind closed doors. Steve

Double, an FA spokesman,

said: "From what Keith Coo-

per has said it is clear that we

are not necessarily dealing

with the actions of just one fan.

There will be a thorough

investigation into what was

clearly a very unpleasant incident."

Millwall in November. Birmingham were then told

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'We were a bit disappointed

round replays tonight. Wim-bledon and Middlesbrough CHRIS NICHOLL, the Walmeet for a second time, after a ed to look beyond his side's rwice-postponed FA Cup (H) draw, to decide who fourth-round tie against lpsshould travel to Huddersfield wich Town at Portman Road Town in the last 16, with Dean Holdsworth, the Wimbledon tonight. If victory goes to forward, already casting his Walsail, the lowest-ranked club left in the competition, it will mean a nostalgic fifthlie ahead. Holdsworth has never played at Wembley. round encounter with Aston Villa, Nicholl's former club. "I've been there for concerts but that's all." he said. "When who are managed by Brian I saw Rod Stewart there last Little, his former team-mate.

Nicholl, 49, and Little, 42, played at Villa Park in the Seventies, when Nicholl captained the side, yet they now exist at differing ends of the football spectrum - Little on the fourth rung of the FA Carling Premiership ladder. Nicholl in the lower reaches of the Endsleigh Insurance League second division. A renewal of acquaintances would be nice but, first, Walsall have to dispose of Ipswich.

"Managers don't deal in might-bes and ifs." Nicholl said. "You can't think that far ahead. We are not intelligent



enough to look further than what's in front of our eyes." In other words, he and his players, by order, will not entertain thoughts of Villa until the fourth-round hurdle has been

For Derek Mountfield, the Walsall defender, that might pose a problem. Mountfield, 33, spent three years at Villa, including the 1989-90 season, when they finished runners-up to Liverpool in the then first division. A late litness test on damaged. mine his participation this

Kevin Wilson, 34, the Northern Ireland and Walsali striker, has a more immediate date with the past. He played at Portman Road for three years in the mid-Eighties, alongside George Burley, the present Ipswich manager, and scored 34 goals in 98 league matches. "There's nothing better than going back and playing against your old club, especially in the FA Cup," he said. Anything can happen, as Ipswich showed by winning at Blackburn in the last round."

Crewe Alexandra, against Southampton, and Oxford United, against Nottingham Forest, also try to strike a blow for the underdogs, in fourth-

Nicholl has Kostner makes breakthrough for Italy



ITALY celebrated an unexpected success at the skiing world championships in Sierra Nevada, Spain. yesterday when Isolde Kostner, pictured above, won the women's super-giant slalom title. Where Alberto Tomba normally commands the attention of the Italian media, Kostner, 19, was at centre stage instead, fielding questions and gleefully holding her pristine gold medal.

If not unfamiliar with the demands of the post-race press conference, having won two World Cup downhill races and two bronze medals in the 1994 Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Kostner had nonetheless made her greatest breakthrough. By winning the super-giant slalom, she became the first Italian woman to win an Alpine skiing world championship in the modern era.

"This is the first world championships I've entered and I'm very proud," she said. "I made almost a perfect run. Since I was a child, I have always been able to rise to the big occasion. Luckity, I still can.

Kostner did indeed ski faultlessly. She was careful not to fly too far on the one jump on the fast 22 kilometre course and landed cleanly in time to tuck in for the left-hand curve that followed. She also took a perfect wide

line in the early stages to build up speed for the flat sections on the bottom.

Heidi Zurbriggen, the sister of the famous Swiss skier. Pirmin Zurbriggen, finished second, 0.66sec behind the winner's time of Imin 21sec, to claim her first medal in what had been, until yesterday, a frustrating 11-year career. Picabo Street, of the United States, finished third.

Katja Seizinger, of Germany, began the day as the defending champion and clear favourite, but her race lasted only a few seconds before she missed a gate at the top of the course.

Photograph: Stafano Reliandini

England get stripped for catwalk action

By DAVID MADDOCK

father of the Football Association, have made of it? Or Bobby Moore for that matter? England unveiled a new change strip yesterday, in all its garish glory, and it is sure to startle the traditionalists. It is also likely to startle the

The strip is, apparently, a "choice of indigo [that] reflects our view of what is likely to be a fashion colour throughout 1996 and going into 1997. It is taken very much from the denim look", according to Martin Prothero, the promotions director of Umbro, the manufacturer of the kit.

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colour. With its swirling pat-tern and splashes of colour on WHATEVER would Ebenezer a bizarre background, the new day by Alan Shearer, the England forward, commits a broad attack on the senses. It is though, demure in comparison to the new change goalkeeper's jersey, worn yes-terday by Tim Flowers, the England goalkeeper.

Not even the outrageous collection of Campos, the Mexico goalkeeper, can rival England's new fashion statement. The jersey is fluorescent scarlet, vellow, lime, purple and a whole host of other colours. Flowers appeared almost shamefaced in front of photographers, and the best he could manage when asked for a comment was: "Well, I don't think I'll be sneaking up on any forwards unawares in

this outfit."

The plan by the FA is to play in the new design before the European championship this lamentable goalscoring record for his country recently, is hoping to don the new colours rather quickly. "I might even get a goal in it, you never know," he said.

The FA maintained a diplomatic silence over the latest creation yesterday, preferring to allow the maufacturers to talk their way out of the understandable criticism for a strip that disregards the traditions of England football history. Gone, apparently forever, is the red strip in which England recorded their finest hour - the 1966 World Cup final victory.

Shearer was glad to adopt the new colours, however, as a respite from the usual abuse which follows him around

There seems to be growing days, but at least when I play for England that all dies away and the fans get behind me." he said.

Shearer was subjected to some alarming hostility by the supporters of Manchester United on Saturday, and was condemned for a late tackle on their goalkeeper, Peter Schmeichel, which earned a booking.

"I have never done anything malicious in my career and I'm not going to start now," he said. I simply overran the ball, the momentum carried me through and we collided. But there is stronger abuse at matches these days, and it's not just me - it seems to be directed at all the high-profile players.

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NETBALL

Jackson in trim for Olympic challenge

COLIN JACKSON, the world record-holder at 110 metres hurdles, won the 60 metres hurdles at the Gunma international indoor meeting in Maebashi, Japan, yesterday. The Welsh athlete, who has been honing his Olympic preparations in Australia, won in 7.51sec, ahead of Mark Crear of the United States.

A silver medal-winner at the Games in Seoul in 1988, Jackson is competing abroad because he is still in dispute with Peter Radford, the executive chairman of the British Athletic Pederation. His only scheduled domestic races are at the AAA Championships and the Welsh Games.

The Tokyo Marathon ended in dramatic style yesterday.

with Vanderlei Lima, of Brazil, being named the winner ahead of Antonio Pinto, of Portugal, despite both runners being credited with a time of 2hr 8min 38sec. Pinto was consoled by the achievement of becoming the first athlete to complete four successive marathons in under 2min 9sec.

Pieterse in frame

ATHLETICS: Zola Pieterse finished second to Colleen de Reuck in the South Africa cross-country trials at the weekend to virtually assure herself of a place in the team of six that will contest the world championships over the same Stellenbosch course on March 23. De Reuck had returned from the United States only on Wednesday, but appeared comfortable in the humid heat and set a pace that immediately strung out the clite field. The men's trial ended in a dead heat between Shadrack Hoff and John Morapedi. ☐ Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, set a world indoor record of 10.05sec for the 100 metres in Tampere, Finland, last night. Olapade Adeniken, of Nigeria, held the record with 10.13sec.

Milestone for Nicklaus

GOLF: Jack Nicklaus, the most successful golfer the game has known, said yesterday that the US Open at Oakland Hills in June "will probably end my streak of consecutive major championships" — at 138 tournaments. Last July, Nicklaus said that he would not be likely to return to the Open until it is played again at St Andrews, in the year 2000. Nicklaus did, however, insist that he was looking forward to playing his fortieth consecutive US Open.

☐ Alex Lyle, former professional and father of Sandy, the former Open and US Masters champion, has died aged 75.

Mullen dismissed

FOOTBALL: Burnley, of the Endsleigh Insurance League second division, yesterday dismissed Jimmy Mullen, their manager, after their fourth successive defeat. Mullen was the target of a demonstration by a portion of the crowd during the 1-0 defeat at home to Crewe Alexandra on Saturday, Mullen took charge at Turf Moor in October 1991 and guided Burnley to promotion from the old fourth division as champions that season, then to the Endsleigh League first division in 1994, but they were relegated after

Jordan turns on style

BASKETBALL: Michael Jordan, right, celebrated his return to the National Basketball Association allstar game with a brilliant Eastern Conference victory and earned him the most valuable player award. Jordan, playing in the showpiece game against the Western Conference for the first time since 1993, scored 20 points as the East won 129-118 in San Antonio.



Match-fixing inquiry

HOCKEY: The International Hockey Federation has appointed a lawyer with a background in the game to advise its disciplinary committee in the investigation of alleged match-fixing by India and Malaysia during the Olympic qualifying tournament in Barcelona (Sydney Friskin writes). This action follows charges brought against the two countries by Canada. The composition of the disciplinary committee has not been announced yet, but it is expected to be convened within two weeks

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Cool customer arrives on the Formula One scene determined to lead the parade

Villeneuve will not settle for second best

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN ESTORIL

moment of uncertainty, when Jacques Villeneuve saunters into the garage. A small group is waiting to talk to him, unsure of where to stand. So he starts clicking his fingers. rock and roll style, signalling he wants to move things along. Somebody else tries to usher him out into the sun but he wanders further into the

Villeneuve is a cool customer. His laid-back North American manner is spiced with French-Canadian piquancy. He is sharp, concise, speaks English and Italian fluently and avoids the public relations patter that turns so many drivers into champions of the platitude. When the group gathers round, he faces each questioner in turn, gazing up at them through his round, metal-rimmed glasses. His Williams-Renault team-

mate, Damon Hill, may be the favourite for the Formula One motor racing world drivers championship this year, but Villeneuve made it clear at the launch of the team's new car here yesterday that he has not forsaken a winning drive in the IndyCar series he won so convincingly last season to come second to anybody even in his first year in Formula One.

"We are each going to do our best," Villeneuve, 24, said. We are not there to help the other one. There is no reason Even if you finish second in the championship but you are

THERE is a hull, a brief after a few years, you are not worth anything. It is almost more important to beat your team-mate than anybody else.

"Damon is bearable. Anyone is beatable as far as I am concerned. If Williams had told me that they wanted me to come here to be No 2 to somebody, then I would have said no way. I was happy in IndyCar, I was with a winning team. There would have been no point in coming here to be somebody's No 2

"I am not going to be content to settle for second. Definitely. I am racing because I want to win. I always want to try to beat everybody. That is what is driving me. I know I have a lot to learn, but I am not coming to Formula One as some raw recruit from Formula 3000. I am coming as the IndyCar champion and the winner of the Indianapolis 500. It is a bit

different."

Villeneuve, the son of the late Ferrari driver, Gilles Villeneuve, who was killed during practice for the Belgian Grand Prix at Zolder in 1982. has impressed the Williams team with his studied approach to testing since he joined them at the end of last season. There are no frills, no tantrums, just quiet application. "

Frank Williams, the team owner, and Patrick Head, his technical director, like strong personalities, that they do not have to mollycoddle, whose fragile egos they do not have to massage at every turn. Ville-



Villeneuve, right, poses with his team-mate, Hill, as the wraps are taken off their new Williams-Renault Formula One racing car in Estoril

guy, a man with a clear view of where he wants to go and a fierce determination to get

I don't think Formula One is going to be any tougher than IndyCar," he said. There is probably more wheel to wheel racing in the States because the teams and the cars are closer together. It below your team-mate, then nerve seems to be their kind of From what I have seen on

television, the racing here is quite dirty.

"If that concerns me, it won't concern me for long. If somebody plays a stupid game with you, you have to play it back because otherwise they will do it over and over. I hope my reputation is for being hard but fair. I have never had a real problem wheel-banging with anyone, but if you have to

There seems little chance of him turning into another Michael Andretti, the IndyCar champion who arrived in Formula One in 1993 with a fine racing reputation and left prematurely and ignominiously, six months and just one podium position later, with his tail between his legs and the

reputation of IndyCar drivers

with Formula One team own-

Andretti, though, picked a team - McLaren - that was fighting signs of decline and was given few testing opportunities to adapt to the lighter, nimbler cars. Villeneuve has already clocked up 9,000 miles in testing at several circuits and will not commute back and forth to North America as Andretti did. living in an apartment in Monaco instead.

Australia has been the most

since the ascent of Chinese swim-

mers in the early 1990s. Mustapha

Larfaoui, the president of Fina, was

there last week and efforts were

being made to persuade him to call

going to be tough, Villeneuve said as a parting shot. "And Damon will be quick. But I feel at home here already. It is not like I thought. There was supposed to be no life within the teams and the drivers were supposed to be robots. But that is not true. And if the others thought I was coming to cruise round in second, that is wrong, too. I am here to

St Helens next in line for giant-killers of Salford

By Our Sports Staff

SALFORD have been rewarded for their giant-killing of Wigan with a home tie against St Helens, the favourites, in the quarter-finals of rugby league's Silk Cut Challenge

Salford stunned the world of wigan — the winners of the competition for the past eight seasons — 26-16 in the fifth round on Sunday. Now, they must take on St Helens for the chance to reach the semi-final for the first size sizes sizes 1998 for the first time since 1988.

Leeds, the losing finalists in each of the past two seasons, will play the winners of the delayed fifth-round tie between Halifax and Sheffield. Bradford will entertain Wakefield, while one first division side is assured of reaching the last four as Hull take on Dewsbury or Widnes in the other quarter-final.

Meanwhile, Leeds and the Rugby Football League (RFL) are to seek an injunction against Craig Innes, the for-mer All Black centre, after his decision to join Manly-Warringah in Australia. Innes, 26, whose contract at Headingley does not expire until June 1997, flew to Sydney yesterday after helping Leeds to beat Warrington in the Cup on Saturday. A club statement

QUARTER-FINALS

Haldas or Sheffield v Leeds Hull v Dewsbury or Widnes Salford v St Helens Ties to be played February 24 and 25

last night said: "The Rugby Football League confirmed that it will be supporting Leeds in applying for an injunction to restrain Craig Innes from repudiating his contract and playing in Aus-

tralia for Manly."

Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the RFL, said: "We have been given a sight of Craig Innes's contract and it would appear that Leeds are perfectly correct to challenge what is nothing less than an inducement by the Australian

Leeds had hoped to per-Headingley until their interest in the Cup was over, but were unable to match the rumoured £350,000 offer from Manly.

Alf Davies, the Leeds chief executive, said: "This is a real blow to the club, especially as we have just reached the quarter-finals of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. We have spent a great deal of money trying to keep our players out of the reach of predators, but there was no way we could match the kind of offer made to Craig from our own resources. Although Craig was quite open with us, we were left with no option but to defend out position legally."

Schuback leads the advance

By GORDON ALLAN

IAN SCHUBACK and Kelvin experience to peg them back. The who completed a straight-sets vic-Kerkow, of Australia, advanced to match was squared in the second set tory over Lee Nixon and Adrian champion at 100 and 200 metres (ASI), Riley was given a prescription the quarter-finals of the Churchill Insurance world indoor pairs bowls thampionship with a 6-7, 7-3, 7-3, 7-5 win over the former Scottish twobowl champions, David Slaven and John Jackson, at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday.

Schuback has won the title twice with different partners but Kerkow is new to the portable rink. Kerkow, 26, who will represent Australia in the world outdoor singles event in Adelaide next month, uses a walking stick as a result of a childhood iliness similar to polio. After a tentative start, he contributed fully to the victory.

Slaven and Jackson, from East Kilbride, led 5-0 in the first set, with Schuback having to call on all his

over Dennis Andries, but the

chances of the 42-year-old

former world light-heavy-

ond encounter for the British

cruiserweight title tonight at

York Hall, Bethnal Green,

Not only has Andries

proved the experts wrong in

the past, but the postponement

of the bout at the London

Arena from Saturday to to-

night because of the Dock-

lands bombing, could also weigh in Andries's favour.

Dunstan, who is believed to be

struggling to make the cruiser-

weight limit, had to stay on a

diet for another two days.

while Andries, who has no

weight problems, was able to

As the boxers had already

weighed in on Saturday, John

Morris, secretary of the Brit-

ish Boxing Board of Control,

told them they would be excused a second weigh-in.

provided everybody agreed. Andries insisted on the weigh-

in being held again yesterday,

Brendan Ingle, the Sheffield

trainer, and his welterweight.

in Saunders, escaped seri-

iday. They were returning

ous injury in the bombing on

the Britannia Hotel after the

weigh-in at the Peacock Gym,

Silvertown, when they were

held up by a police roadblock

Seconds later the bomb went

off. The blast shook us like

Tag dolls," Ingle said.

however.

relax over the weekend.

weight boxing champion beating Dunstan in their sec-

should not be ruled out.

and Schuback abruptly ended the third with a take-out for four shots. The fourth set could have gone either way and the match ended, after three hours and 20 minutes, with a perfectly-drawn bowl from

Schuhack.
"Spike — that's his [Kerkow's] nickname because of his crew-cut hairstyle - did pretty well in difficult circumstances. It was a new bowl game to him but for me it was like coming home. I just love this.

rink." Schuback said. Kerkow added: "It was strange: out there, with the spectators soclose on both sides. I certainly needed the practice."

Schuback and Kerkow now meet Mark McMahon and Ian Taylor.

Welch, from the Channel Islands. Another pair from overseas, Rowan Brassey and Sid Giddy, of New Zealand, defeated Noel Graham and Ian McClure, the Irishmen, in a tight contest.

Kerkow has been drawn against Andy Thomson, the holder, in the singles later in the week and Schuback will play Ian Bond, the English national champion. Thomson will be trying to win the title for the third consecutive year, a feat that only David Bryant has accomplished. The prize-money has been increased this year with the pairs winners receiving £14,000 and the singles winner £27,000.

A sample taken from Riley at the world short-course championships in Brazil in December, where she

won her titles in world-record times. revealed traces of dextropro-poxyphen, a narcotic analgesic that relieves pain and is on the International Olympic Committee's list of banned substances, though it does not enhance performance. Numerous athletes have tested

breaststroke, short and long-course.

could be suspended for two years

after testing positive for a drug

found in prescription headache

positive for the drug but Riley, 23. from Queensland, would be the first to be punished. According to Vena Results, page 40 | Murray, the executive director of headache pill by Scott Volkers, her

coach, after complaining of a head-

Riley facing ban after drug test

ache two days before her race. Officials from Fina, the international governing body, met in Berlin on Friday but have yet to come to a decision over Riley. Their dilemma is clear: should they follow their own guidance and impose a suspension of up to two years that would keep Riley out of the Olympics or be more lenient and court criticism from China, 19 of whose swimmers have tested positive and been suspended, all bar one for steroids. since 1991? A suspension of more than five months, even retroactive,

would effectively bar Riley from

Atlanta, as she would miss the

Australian trials.

for leniency. An Australian swimming source said: "I don't think it worked. Many here think Sam's going to be the scapegoat for Australia's hard line on drugs." Volkers, the coach, said: "She would never take a performanceenhancing drug. It was a headache tablet and the drug in it would not

have helped her performance."
Riley drew questions about drugs when she reduced the records in Brazil, taking the 100 metres to 1min 05.70sec, from 1:06.58, and the 200 metres to 2:20.85, from 2:21.99.

Hendry creates new horizons Delay may give edge By PHIL YATES to Andries THERE is overwhelming year-old in 1985. Davis has

By Srikumar Sen BOXING CORRESPONDENT TERRY DUNSTAN, of Walsall, already holds a decision

> player in the game's modern Steve Davis has won the world championship on six

professional in 1978, seven years before his rival. Despite having such a head start. Davis trails Hendry in

The 125 clearance fashioned by Hendry during his 10-5 victory over Ronnie O'Sullivan in the final of the Masters was his 33rd of the season and the 331st since he joined the

compiled 244. evidence to support the claim that Stephen Hendry, who captured the Benson and Hedges Masters snooker title for the sixth time in eight years at Wembley Conference Centre on Sunday, is the finest

occasions to Hendry's five and has prevailed in 70 tournaments compared with a portiolio of 58 triumphs by the Scot. Crucial to the argument, however, is that Davis turned

total career prize money and has long been overtaken by the present world champion at the top of the list of century breaks in competition.

professional ranks as a 16-

Hendry received a first prize of £125,000 on Sunday, plus the event's highest break award of £10,000 for a 144 total clearance against John Higgins in the second round. Since his debut at Wembley in

1989. Hendry has earned £665,500 from the Masters alone and £4,593,225 in all tournaments. Davis boasts prize-money of £4,242,240.



Hendry: dedicated

Such statistics cannot alone convey Hendry's dominance. O'Sullivan summed it up by saying: "There's no one like him. He's got tunnel vision. he's single-minded and he's in a different league when it comes to desire and dedica-

Hendry's 28th win in 30 matches at the Masters was achieved in textbook fashion. Patiently, he outwitted O'Sullivan in the majority of tactical exchanges before fully exploiting the scoring chances that his superior safety shots created with breaks of 71, 77, 62, 87, 125, 80, 97.

The general standard of play is getting better, but, by the same token. I'm getting better," Hendry, who has also prevailed at the Regal Scottish Masters, Skoda Grand Prix and United Kingdom Champ ionship during the 1995-96 campaign, said. "Mind you, I have to improve because players are pressing hard."

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Crews v Southempton

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Lincoln v Herstord
Rochdele v Bury
Exster v Manefield (7.45)

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RESULT: Final: S Hendry (Scot) bt -R O'Sulven (Eng) 10-5. France scores (Hendry Inst): 108-0, 12-73, 68-90, 78-48, 74-49, 61-17, 71-5, 74-1, 0-109, 122-0, 126-8, 9-62, 80-1, 0-138, 103-0. Third round

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Third-round replay: Traflord v kidsgrove ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Maidon v Burnham Rambiers.

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Durham (at Southport FC, 7.0), English Schools Goodyear under-16 trophy: Cay of Ely College, Cambridge v Bungey High School, Suffoli (2.15). RUGBY UNION

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Panthers sink under goal flood Humberside Hawks had

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

IT WAS a bad weekend for Nottingham Panthers in the British Ice Hockey League's premier division. After being beaten at home 7-5 by Newcastle Warriors, they then travelled to Cardiff Devils and were 6-0 down during the second period before man-

aging a goal Devils went on to win 18-2, which kept them within a games without a win.

point of Sheffield Steelers. who attracted a 5,000 crowd to Newcastle Arena but spoilt things for the home fans by winning a hard-fought confest 5-3, scoring three times in the third period.

The third period was crucial, too, for Basingstoke, who scored three goals during it to gain their first win in six games and extend Milton Keynes Kings' run to eight

two players ejected during an 8-1 defeat by Fife Flyers, while Slough Jets remained bottom of the table after an 11-2 loss to Durham Wasps. There was another big crowd at the Nynex Arena in Manchester, more than 11,000 watching the Storm beat Swindon Wildcats 8-2, although Swindon led 2-0 after 12 minutes.

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Capriati steps back under the spotlight

Andrew Longmore looks at the surprise return of a one-time wonderkid resuming

her love-hate relationship with tennis

If the right noises are being made about the unexpected return of Jennifer Capriati Paris Open tonight, but not even the Olympic champion herself would like to predict whether she is ready to get back on the merry-go-round for good. Capriati is all of 19 years old now, with entries in the sporting record books and police files under her name and a highly-developed sense of cynicism that should serve her well if her professed new love affair with tennis is not to end in the same drug rehabilitation centre as the first.

In her first competitive match for 15 months, the American will play Sabine Appelmans, a left-hander from Belgium ranked No 26 in the world, whose surprise at the news of Capriati's return last week reflected the general disbelief of the players on the women's tour. Having played just one match since dropping her rackets in a rubbish bin and retiring to bed for a week after defeat in the first round of the 1993 US Open.

Capriati had become just another torgotten wonderkid who could not hack it. The lockerroom talk had long since moved on -Monica Seles's win in Australia, the state of Steffi Graf's injured back. Jennifer Capriati was

yesterday's child. "With Monica, we knew what she was doing, knew that she was practising and would come back, but we've heard nothing about Jennifer at all. She's been out for a while, so no one was talking about her, which is why it has been such a surprise," Appelmans said.

The official line. peddled by John Evert, brother of Chris and her former agent, among others, is that Capriati has grown up over the past few months and decided independently that she wants to play again. For the first time in a long while, she is playing She's so much more positive about her life. She's grown older and

Paris in February, in a tournament organised by IMG, her faithful prying eyes of a middle America sterner features of Steffi Graf and

Muster: surprised

outraged by the morality tale of the girl once dubbed the "most marketable American since Minnie Mouse" and the next Chris Evert. Yesterday, Capriati practised with Anke Huber in the Stade de Pierre Coubertin, a drop-kick away from the Parc des Princes, and, for all you could tell beneath a baggy pair of tracksuit bottoms, she looked fit and healthy. Huber suggested that time away had not taken the edge off the pace of those two-handed groundstrokes with which Capriati had announced her arrival at Boca Raton a month before her fourteenth birthday, in

Only the continued presence of her burly, bullying father. Stefano, sup-posedly one of the causes for Capriati's initial disillusionment, has raised questions about the strength of the commitment. The relationship between the two is said to be stronger than it has been since the break-up of the Capriatis' tempestuous marriage last year. Jennifer moved out of the home of her mother, Denise, last September and back in with her father, a prelude to

starting serious training for a return to the circuit. As yet, Stefano has not let his daughter speak for herself, which is not promising --she will do so after her match tonight but he confirms that she has been training hard for the past four months back in Florida and is looking forward to play-

ing again. "She feels good about herself again," he said. "I don't see it as a new career, in any way. pages did people Sometimes, in all jobs, you stop work for a time and then start again. That's what has happened

to Jennifer. It's not important whether she wins or loses. She is just trying to do well." That women's tennis desperately

needs Capriati back in the top rank is beyond question. During her 34 years on tour, she became the grand-slam semi-final, in Paris in 1990, and was one of the few able to match the groundstroke power of Seles and Graf. Above all, her bubbling, infectious, personality agents, seemed a suitable place to brought a hint of colour and enjoystart afresh, far removed from the ment to a game dominated by the



Capriati in happier times in 1992, when she struck Olympic gold and was the darling of Wimbledon

Martina Navratilova. The Women's Tennis Association even bent the rules to allow Capriati to make her debut in the month of her fourteenth birthday rather than after it.

Capriati's victory over the ninetimes Wimbledon champion on the changing of an era, but only when a pudgy face with a nose ring appeared on the front pages of most newspapers the morning after Capriati's arrest in a rundown Florida motel for possession of marijuana a year later did anyone fully understand what damage the

Muster defends his right to head world rankings

incessant demands of parents, sponsors, media and spectators could do to a tender psyche. Almost overnight. Capriati slid from being a multi-millionairess, a member of the coveted Forbes Top 40 earners, to just another wasted teenager and her 1994 in Philadelphia, confirmed the the publicity we can get." Capristi, of had come and gone.

The prospect of defending her Olympic title in Atlanta in the summer may have prompted more. "We don't expect anything."
Capriati's return. Maybe she has said Stefano. Nor, this time, should finally found how much she does anyone else.

love the game. Maybe she needs the money. Nobody knows whether this will be another one-night stand or a more permanent affair. The players hone the latter.

"Jennifer coming back is good for the game," Appelmans said. "She is another big name and we need all general belief that Capriati's time course, needs as little as she can get; at least until she finds her feet on the court again and really decides whether this will be her life once

- just look at the effort needed

Consistency on that level is

something which has always

The long itch ' called Emily

The Amherst Myth. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

Except for a lock of hair, a daguerrectype and a brief written sketch ("I am small like a wren; my hair is bald as a chestnut burr"), there were no physical dimensions in Emily Dickinson's bequests to posterity. Nor did America's finest woman poet explain why she led a recluse's existence. And still not solved is the riddle of the 1,300 poems found in a wooden box in her home in Amherst, Massachusetts, after she died in 1886. In The Amherst Myth; the British poet Simon Armitage travels to Amherst. He pieces together some of the jigsaw puzzle, but great gaps remain. "We have a terrible itch to make sense of her," says an American professor. The 110-year itch must surely be the longest in the history of werse writing.

The Off Season. Radio 4 FM., 10.00am.

Although I have heard only a few excerpts from Alex Frater's account of his visit to the Indian state of Goa, it was quite enough to persuade me not to follow in his footsteps. Not in the moonsoon season, anyway. Frater's report launches a series in which travel writers return to their favourite holiday haunts after the tourists have packed their bags and gone. Why. Frater chose monsoon time, I simply cannot imagine. He slosties about in muddy paddy-fields at night, watching the locals catching frogs by hypnotising them with forches. A quick beheading, then they are skinned alive, roasted and served to the well-off.

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10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles investigates Frank Zappa's last work. The Yellow Shark as the original participants prepare to recreate this epic work for one performance only. Plus a review of the opening of Martin Crimp's new version of Molière's The Misanthrope

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FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN DUBAL

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THERE are few things that can stop Thomas Muster getting what he wants on a tennis court. The weather in Johannesburg may have slowed him a little as he began his reign as world No I - Muster spent yesterday in South Africa finishing off a Davis Cup tie when he should have been heading for the Dubai Open but the Muster bandwagon was stopping for nobody. Certainly the recent out-

bursts by Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi, belittling the Austrian's claim to the top spot in the rankings for winning all but one of his 12

tournament titles in 1995 on three of the four grand-slam shine off his achievement. Muster, always combative on court, was not going to take such criticism lightly.

"I am a little bit surprised because I think Andre and Pete are real champions," he said, "and they know what it is about to be No I. I did not buy my points in the supermarket and I did not cheat anybody for them. I don't think it is necessary for them to make this comment - I give them respect and they should give

Neither Sampras nor Agassi were expecting Muster to break their cosy little rivalry for pole position. They shared

clay, were not going to take the crowns last year, but while they took the limelight. Muster dominated the early part of the year with a 40-match winning streak on the European clay courts, a run which took him to the French Open title. That laid the groundwork for his rise to the top, but it has irked the Americans.

The rules state that only the best 14 results of the year count towards a player's ranking, while early-round losses can be discarded. While Sampras and Agassi seem to begrudge Muster his achievements on clay, they have achieved the majority of their successes on hard courts and

"All I can say is that I have won more matches on hard courts than Pete and Andre have on clay," Muster said. "But last year I won the biggest indoor event in Essen and reached the semi-finals at the Australian Open so I am not what you could consider as a real clay-court specialist."

The two former world No is who lie in wait for Muster in Dubai, Stefan Edberg and Jim Courier, preferred to raise questions over the ranking system rather than the Austrian's achievement. "There have to be questions about any system that doesn't penalise players for doing poorly in a tournament." Courier said. "But what a 52 weeks he's had

eluded Goran Ivanisevic, the fourth seed in Dubai. He let his nerves get the better of him and he faltered slightly at the start of the second set against Jordi Burillo, from Spain, before reaching the second

to maintain that."

round 6-3, 6-4. However, he still admires such a virtue in others. "Muster had to win 12 tournaments and seven in a row, it doesn't matter if they are all on day," he said. "He proved he is an unbelievable fighter. He deserves to be Results, page 40

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Rain stops play for Marshall

MALCOLM MARSHALL the former Hampshire fast bowler who is still the West Indies' leading wicket-taker. bowed out as a player from first-class cricket quietly yes-terday. Marshall, 37, was forced to sit it out in the Centurion Park changingroom as torrential rai washed out Natal's chances of beating Northern Transvaal and so of retaining the Castle Cup, South Africa's four-day domestic competition, allow ing Western Province to take the title.

Marshall said he had no regrets about retiring as a player. "I've been playing since 1977 and have thorough ly enjoyed it. But I just feel that this is the right time to

Marshall, who took 376

wickets for West Indies at an

average of 20.94 runs, played 408 first-class matches, taking 1.651 wickets. His spell with Natal has been spent playing and coaching and in April he returns to Hampshire, whom he represented for 15 years, as firstteam coach. "I could probably keep on going but I think I would rather be remembered as a good cricketer than as someone who just hung on for the money." Marshall said.

Geoghegan doubt for Paris

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SIMON GEOGHEGAN, the ireland wing, is doubtful for the five nations' rugby union championship match with France in Paris on Saturday because of a hamstring strain. switched from the left to the right wing as a replacement for Richard Wallace, was unable to take part in training sessions at Lansdowne Road yesterday.

France also have a problem. for Thierry Lacroix, their centre and goalkicker, is troubled by a groin injury. Although Lacroix played for his club. Dax, at the weekend, he was not at his best, and a decision about his fitness will be taken tomorrow.

Kenny Logan, the Scotland wing, will be fit to take his place on the bench for the international against Wales in Cardiff on Saturday despite injuring a hand in the Scotland Development XV's defeat by New South Wales on Sunday. An X-ray revealed bad bruising and not a break. as feared at first.

Keith Stewart, the Scottishborn Cardiff lock forward, who played for the Development XV. has pledged his international future to Scotland. Stewart had been named in the Wales A side to play Scotland A on Friday. New Zealand's state-owned television yesterday lost out to share, won the television rights to All Blacks matches pay television over live broadplayed in New Zealand, Auscast rights for international matches featuring the All tralia and South Africa Blacks, despite a personal plea

Sky Television, which is 51 per cent owned by an American consortium and in which Television New Zealand (TVNZ) holds a 16.5 per cent

The \$800 million agreement, whereby Sky has bought the rights from The from the Prime Minister, Jim News Corporation, parent company of The Times, was an extension of the deal between the New Zealand Rugby Football Union and News Corp.

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(a) A North and West African tree of the genus Afrormosia (family Leguminosae), especially Afrormosia laxiflora and Afrormosia elata. From Afro + Ormosia (1811) a genus of trees. The furniture and joinery are of afrormosia (a wood very similar to teak in colour and quality), except for the small chairs which are black, with rush seats. CROCKFORD

(c) Usually Crockford's, the name of an exclusive gambling club opened in St James's Street, London, in 1827 by William Crockford (1775-1844). "Ouida", Under Two Flags. 1867: "They had brought dice for hazard and were turning the unconscious Star and Carter into an impromptu Crockford's."

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These friends are hair today, gone tomorrow

A last night we passed the halfway mark in Peter Friends in the North (BBC2). I wasn't keeping a stopwatch on our progress, but I have a hunch that the historic moment came as Nicky (Christopher Eccleston) stared wistfully down at the Tyne. It may have been the moonlight, but for a moment he looked ... just like Lemmy from Motorhead.

Yes, we had reached 1974, a year famous for about three things power cuts, three-day weeks and really awful hair. If Nicky turning into a head-banger wasn't bad enough, there was worse in store for his mates. Geordie (Daniel Craig) emerged from prison looking like something that had escaped from Planet of the Apes. while Tosker (Mark Strong), newly reincarnated as greengrocercum-capitalist-pig, appeared to have the long version of a Bobby

t some unidentified point
last night we passed the (Gina McKee) was immune, but I choice (they did not). In a drama feather-cut by next week.

It has taken five episodes to get from the mop-tops of 1964 to this hirsute horror, a relatively gentle two years an episode. But there are 20 years to cram into the remaining four episodes. From here on hairlines could be receding at record speeds.

clear that the series in not so much a dance to the music of time as a stumble. Many of the reservations I expressed at the outset remain. The four central characters never seem to have been good enough friends for the rare moments when their separate paths cross to be of great interest The notable exception is the

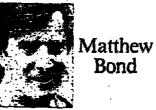
flicker of romance that remains between Nicky and Mary, a couple destined to go through life wonder-

dare say her friends will have arranged for something seriously a poor fourth to politics, corruption and vainglorious idealism, their scenes together are among the most powerful. I fear, however, that we are not destined for a happy ending.

Perhaps aware that his story should not get any more depressing Flannery bright-With the story half-told, it is ened things up for last night's ear that the series in not so much episode. Geordie was out of prison and out of pornography. Mary and Tosker were on their way to joining the middle classes (but not necessarily together) and Nicky was back home and actually being nice to his parents. Mind you, when your mother has found a machinegum under your bed in the last episode it probably pays to be rice to her for a little while.

The corrupt Metropolitan Police

REVIEW



news for the forces of good, but bad news for those who have enjoyed the excellent performances of Donald Sumpter as smoothtalking Commander Chapple, David Schofield as ghastly DCS John Salway and Danny Webb as the unfortunate DI Conrad.

I may be getting ahead of things. but it also looks as though we won't be seeing much more of finally got its comeuppance: good Benny Barran (Malcolm McDow-

Armstrongi, both of whem look destined for long stretches at Her-Majesty's pleasure. Their energy, charisma and "all right, bonny lads?" will be much missed.

The sensitive among you will have realised that my reservations are not exactly overwhelming. The characters may be unlikeable and the themes depressing, but Flannery's saga is proving strangely addictive. I shall stick with it to the end - partly for the hairstyles, partly for the acting and partly because I suspect that the whole will prove to be rather more than the sum of its parts.

Whether I stick with either island of Dreams Channel 4) or Classic Ships (Channel 4) is far more debatable. On paper, both looked just the job for a cold February night, but the reality proved very disappointing.

The problems with Island of

or Austin Denohue (Alun - last night's hour-long opener was based on the stories of just two women who have turned their backs on Britain to marry Greek men on the island of Zakynthos. At times, it would have been more exciting watching olives grow.

> t is also predictable — the fact that there are now 3,000 British women now living on the island does rather suggest that there is nothing new about mixed marriages. In fact, as we all know it has been going on for decades we've seen Shirley Valentine. we've read umpteen newspaper articles and we know perfectly well that life for a British woman marrying a Greek man is not exactly a bowl of lemons. Don't tell me, dear, let me guess — you're having trouble with the language and his mother?

You have to be female really to understand how incredibly female Dreams are multiple. It is too long they make you feel after London,"

simpered one who had succumbed to the charms of a passing Denis. But, as she admitted, the incredibly female phase soon becomes the incredibly fed-up phase. "Greek men do change when they get married." How they are going to stretch this stuff to another two programmes beats me.

By contrast, I am inclined to forgive Classic Ships, which promised a look at the polished mahogany world of the River Thames, but got diverted by a patriotic duty to remember Dunkirk. The result was rather too much of Raymond Baxter and the Little Ships fon this particular occasion) and rather too little of beaver-tail sterns, clinkerbuilt skiffs and slipper launches. Still it was worth it just to hear its narrator, John Peel, a man who has built a career on dry understatement, solemnly conclude that: Thames boat-builders are right to be proud of their products." Say goodnight, John.

6.00am Business Breakfast (80435) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (48665) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (4972771)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (3133706) 9.45 Kilroy: Topical discussion (s) (7233290) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (94329)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (6920787) 12.05pm Turnabout (9308955) 12.30 Going for a Song(s) (32961) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (41752) 1.30 Regional News. (Cestar) and weather (77431752) :1.40 Neighbours (Ceetax) (6) (34226139)

2.00 Pebble MIII(s) (9660890) 2.40 Rich Man, Poor Man, With Peter Strauss and Nick Note (2/12) (4877665) 3.30 Arits in Your Parits (s) (5985058) 3.50 ChuckleVision (s) (5992394) 4.10 Free Willy (Ceetax) (s) (6896787) 4.35 Take Two (Ceetax) (s) (2862464) 5.00 Newsround (Ceetax) (3792067) 5.10 Grange Hill (Ceetax) (s) [1525226)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (907058) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines (†10) 7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando explores the island of Minorca; Monty Don sails his way around the Caribbean, Diana Madill goes on an-unusual trek in France; and Carol Smille gives her personal guide to Glesgow (Ceelax) (s) (5771)

7.30 EastEnders. Ricky feets the tull force of Blanca's temper, Frank renews his attack on Pat and Roy and Sam can't understand why everyone is angry with her

8.00 Great Ormond Street. This week the focus is on eating classical and related matters. (Cestar)

8.30 Next of Kin. Last in series. Maggie wins a trip to a theme park (Ceetax) (s) (4446) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1936)

suspiciously courteous to Tony's brother and his gailtriend when they come to stay (r): (Ceefax) (s) (56597) WALES: 9.30 Week In Week Out

70.00 The X Files. The FBI agents investigate the disappearance of a tobacco company executive (Ceetax) (s) (391313) 10.40 Match of the Day: The Road to Wembley, Desmond Lynam introduces replay between Crewe Alexandra and Suthampton. The commentator is Clive Tyldesiey. (Ceetax) (183481) N.L.: 10.40 On Air 11.30 inside Story 12.25-2.15am FILM: True Colors WALES: 10.40 Men Behaving Badly 11.10 Inside Story 12.00-1.50em FILM: The Man Who

Broke 1,000 Chains 11,35 FILM: The Man Who Broke 1,000. Chains (1987) starring Val Kilmer and Charles Durning. Based on the true story of Robert Ellis Burns, who escaped from a chain gang and became a successful Mann (Ceefax) (861333)

1.25am Weather (1837511)

BBC2 6.00am Open University: Cosmology Belore Einstein (1485400) 5.50 James Hutton: Geólogist (5040690)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceelax and signing) (s) (6364058) 1 Stingray (1) (32058) 8.00 Blue Peter (1) (Ceelao) (1385333) 8.25 Juniper Jungle (1) (s) (8249690) 8.40 The Record (2244351)

9.05 Daytime on Two: Lemaxpress (4979684) 9.25 See You, See Me (4062348) 9.45 Walch (2670464) 10.00 (4062348) 9.45 Watch (2570464) 10.00 Playdays (5324936) 10.25 Come Dutside (8374984) 19.45 Teaching Today (998684) 11.15 Clementine (7029435) 11.30 Ghostwiter (3771) 12.00 See Heart (73972):12.30 Worlding Lunch (30503) 1.00 Teaching Today (43394) 1.30 Showcase (77439394) 1.40 Hotely Potch House (34217481)

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3.55 News (Ceefax) and weather (1848771) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (333) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (435) 5.00 Esther (s) 5.30 World Skiling Championships includes action from the men's super grant slatom

6.90 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (909077) 6-25 Heartbreak High (Ceetax) (s) (701868) 7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show. Animation (Ceefas) (s) (552503)



Presenter Annie Delin (7.30pm)

ty disabled people for disabled people (Ceefax) (s) (936) Public Eye: Reasonable Force (Ceefax) (5961)

8.30 Food and Drink presented by Chris Kelly. Preparing a seafood leuillette; Chilean red wines for under £5; Jennifer Paterson samples cysters in the west of Ireland; Art Malik begins a two-part guide to curries. (Ceetax) (s) (8868) 9.00 Whatever Happened to fire Likely.

Lads? Classic Dick Clement and Ian La Frenals comedy staring Rodney Bewes and James Bolam (r) (Ceefad) (5706) 9.30 The House: Settling Scores (Ceefax) (s) (424435)

10.20 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. Q is for Quiet Evenings in (r) (Ceefax) (s) (650145)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (577477) 11.15 The Larry Sanders Show. American comedy series starring Garry Shandling, with guests Roseanne, Tom Arnold and George Segal (Cestax) (s) (820110)

11.40 Setrietd. American str-com (Ceelax) (s) (512329). Followed by Weather 12.05em The Midnight Hour (s) (6852646) 12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

From the Edge

BBC2, 7.30pm The disability series returns on the eve of Valentine's Day to take a timely look at love among the disabled. The programme shows that many disabled people enjoy happy and successful relationships, with partners who may or may not be themselves disabled. But the local of agrees, both in the period months. the lack of access, both to the outside world and within it, can often be an inhibiting and within it, can often be an inhibiting factor. The chances of meeting a partner are greatly reduced if disability confines people to their homes or prevents them from using clubs, bars and other social meeting places. One answer is advertising in a lonely hearts column, though this means having to decide whether to reveal the disability in advance of a possible meeting. The attitudes of the non-disabled towards marrying disabled people are revealed in a Gallup poll which was commissioned for the programme. commissioned for the programme.

Great Ormond Street BBC1, 8.00pm

Feeding problems dominate the latest report from the children's hospital, as the cameras pick up on Danny and Jamie. Danny is now four. Three years ago he choked while eating and developed a fear of most foods. The result is that he will only eat chocolate and milk, an over-rich diet and one that is rotting his treat before and the control of the c his teeth. Five-year-old Jamie is unable to ear at all, because his intestine cannot absorb food. He is kept alive on a drip and has lived in the hospital, with his parents, for the past year. The film is not about miracle cures, only dedicated professionals doing what they can. In Darmy's case this means gradually persuading him to widen his diet. For Jamie there is yet another operation, his seventh, but the chance at last to go home. You feel for the parents almost as much as for the kids, as they hope for the best but fear the worst.

Public Eye: Reasonable Force BBC2. 8.00pm

Although it enjoys a lower profile than other current affairs programmes, Public Eye is often no less trenchant in its coverage of topical matters. Back for a new run, it investigates a subject much in the news recently, the amount of restraint which police officers should use when dealing with ispecis. Nicola Carslaw's report balances the dangers faced by police on the streets, and the need to protect themselves against attack, with concern about deaths in custody. She examines the guidelines laid down for police officers on "reasonable force" as defined by the law, looks into the contentious subject of neck holds and asks whether handcuffs are used too often. We hear from officers injured while trying to make arrests as well as the families of people

The House: Settling Scores BBC2, 9_30pm

The more this unmissable series progresses. the more your reservations about the Royal Opera turn to sympathy. If Covent Garden puts on audience-grabbing fare such as Tosca, it is accused of playing safe. If it ventures into Harrison Birtwistle, demonstrators demand a return to traditional music. And whatever it does, there are budgets to be trimmed. People talk large figures. "I could give you £100,000 but not £200,000." is the conciliatory opening remark of Nicholas Payne, the Royal Opera's new director, as he faces a finance deport department desperate for cuts. Tonight's film has Payne at its centre. After a notable career at Opera North, he has to prove himself on a larger stage. The wisdom of his decision to stage an obscure work by Massenet is put in question when the conductor walks out and the public stays away.

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (2357400)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (3045527, 9.55 Regional News (Tetetext) (5334313) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (1658232), 10.35 This Morning (15442139)

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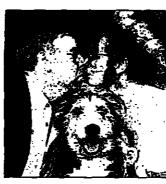
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7.30 West Eye View. Across the region people are raising concerns about the potential threat to children's health from living close to high-voltage power lines

8.00 The Bill. Yosh tackles a case of possible underage sex (Teletext) (9787)



8.30 Outside Edge. Conclusion of the cricketing comedy series. The day of Kev and Mag's wedding blessing is not without a little drama (Teletext) (s) (5394) 9.00 Fil.M: Taking Care of Business (1990). Comedy starring James Belushi and Charles Grodin. An escaped convict executive when he finds his personal

(Teletext) (s) (2413) 10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext) 10.30 Regional News (Telelext) (296619)

10.40 FILM: Taking Care of Business. Conclusion (Teletext) (s) (191400) 11.40 Street Legal (s) (304787)

12.35am FILM; B.L. Stryker — High Rise (1990) starring Burt Reynolds and Ossie Davis. A couple are taken hostage by a gang of crazed burglars who will go to any lengths to avoid capture. Directed by Nick McLean (852424)

2.20 Late & Loud (s) (2747511) 3.15 The Chart Show (r) (s) (4678998) 4.10 Football Extra (r) (2906707) 5.00 On the Road to the Islands (99578) 5.30 Morning News (15801)

As HTV WEST except 5.10pm-5,40 The Programme (8288042)

6 25-7 00 Wales Tonight (15/4/15) 7.30-8.00 Knowing My Place (690) 11.40 Championship Boxing (304787)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Emmerdale (3172597) 1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (84564771) 1.55 Home and Away (47313892) 2.25 Vanessa (57721313)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (2578810) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8288042) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (42348) 7.30-5.00 The Middle Ages (690) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (304787)

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As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (3172597) 1.25 Chain Letters (84564771) 1.55 A Country Practice (34223042) 2.20 Vanessa (57722042) 2.50-3.20 Look and Cook (3534684)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8288042) 6.25-7.00 Central News (154416) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (690) 11.40 Film: Some Girls (285481) 1.25am Late & Loud (8502172) 2.25 Hotel Babylon (4299424) 3.05 Funny Business (44871172)

3.30 Football Extra (3142578) 4.10 Jobfinder (3316356)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 12.55pm Chain Letters (3172597) 1.25 Home and Away (84564771) and Street (34223042)

2.20 Vanessa. Studio discussion series on a woman's topic, chaired by Vanessa Feltz (57722042) 2.50-3.20 The Attennoon Show (3534684)

5.10 Home and Away (8288042) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (226) 6.30-7.00 Surprise Chefs (706) 7.30-8.00 24 Hours (690)

11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (304787)

5.00am Freescreen (99578)

S4C Starts: 6.35 Think Tank 88 (5958665) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (37503) 9.00 Fifteen to One (11936) 9,30 Schools: law! (2861481) 9.50 law! (2954145) 10.10 Maths Everywhere (8453145) 10.25 lechyd A (8369752) 10.45 Quest (9870077) 11.00 Science in Focus (3266348) 11.20 Stage One (7011416) 11.35 Film and Video Showcase (2229348) 11.45 First Edition (2646058) 12.00 House to House (24400) 12.30pm Earthworm Jim (52771) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (30690) 1.30 Time Team (44955) 2.30 Screaming Reels (139) 3.00 Love in the Afternoon (9955) 4.00 Backdate (619) 4.30 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (503) 5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5 (1145) 5.30 Countdown (955)6.00 Newyddion (352145) 6.15 Heno (790752) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (101313) 7.25 Dudley (369226) 8.00 Pacto (7329) 8.30 Newyddion (3936) 9.00 O Flaen Dy Lygaid (6145) 10,00 Brookside (23459) 10,30 Island of Dreams (70023) 11,30

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2.05 Waterways (r) (Teletext) (s) (61533955) 2.35 FILM: The Beautiful Blonde from Bashful Bend (1949) Cornedy with Belty Grable as a sharp-shooting saloon owner who poses as a frontier town schoolteacher after an accident. Directed by Maurice Elvey (Teletext) (6843416)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (619) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (503) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show (Teletext) (s) (4335495) 5.50 Terrytoons (538023) 6.00 The Avengers (r) (Teletext) (33690)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (109771)* 7.55 The Slot(426394)



Mark Walton on the Wartburg (8.00pm

8.00 Ride On. Nicky Campbell meets Shane Collins, one of the organisers behind the "Reclaim the streets" campaign. Muncf Gray has her Peugeot GTI tuned for maximum speed. Alain de Cadenet meets competitors in the biannual Louis Vurton rally in Italy; while Mark Walton meets fans of the East German Wartburg (Teletext) (s) (7329)

8.30 Brookside (Teletexi) (s) (3936) 9.00 The Decision. Following a group of would-be transsexuals to Netherlands to meet Europe's most experienced gender team (Teletext) (s)

10.00 FiLM: Criminal Justice (1990) starring Forest Whitaker, A former offender accused of assault and robbery chooses to go to trial rather than accept a pleabargain. Directed by Andy Wolk (Teletext) (s) (179936)

11.45 Nurses. Hospital comedy (Telelext) (s) (144416)

12.15am The Bird. Short animation (5610917) 12.25 Football Italia — Mezza Fiorentina v Parma (1689207)

1.20 Next Stop Hollywood; 12.01 (r) (7338424) 1.50 FiLM: The Desert Trail (1934, b/w).

John Wayne and Eddy Chandler take on a gang led by Paul Fix, to clear their names of robbery charges (4972191) 2.55 The Dispossessed: No Going Back. Focusing on the Alghan people who have been refugees for more than a decade (r) (8746462) Ends at 3.55

For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY ONE 7.00mm Boled Egg (\$2619) 8.30 Press Vax Luck (\$248110) 8.50 Love Connection (8058077) 9.20 Court TV (4169313) 8.50 Opralv Wintrey (#937618) 18.40 Jacopardyl (1527771) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (5375787) 12.00 Bengklip (91684) 1.00pm The Weltons (72522) 2:00 Geraldo (51619) 9.00 Court IV (35489 3.90 Classic Michael The Westers (Case) and Capacitic (1917); 3,00 Court IV (3618) 3,30 Open Writer (644)961) 4,15 Under 5,06 Star Trait. The Next Generation (477) 6,07 The Simpson (1777) 6,30 Jeopardy (3329) 7,00 LAPD (5400) 7,30 MFA*S*H (433) 8,00 The Worst of Police Stool (10787) 9.00 Chic Hope (27023) 10.00 Star Trek: The N Generation (20110) 11.00 Law and Order (77145) 12.00 Law Show (2010:55) 12.45am The Uniouchables (5283237): 1.30 Sbs (54995) 2.00 Hz Mix SKY NEWS

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8.00m The Big Parada of Comedy (1984) (34069574) 7.50 David Copperfield (1934) (91155941) 10.00 Call of the Ward (1933) (83665) 12.00 Pamping ken R: 77a Women (1983) (81665) 8.30 Tender is the Hight (1981) (89539) 8.00 Call of the Ward (1980) (31250) 8.00 Call of the Ward (1980) (31258) 8.00 Call of the Ward (1980) (31258) (35771) (8.00 The Crew (1984) (725868) 11.45 Final Mission (1993) (4/3058) 1.20cm Journal Chapter — Walking Tall (1977) (57627260)

SKY MOVIES GOLD ...

Harry (1941) (1386) 8.00 All of Me (1984) (18313) 10.00 Gendhi (1982) (31304416) 1.10em The Best Little Whorshouse in Teast (1982) (747153) 3.05-2.40 Sunnyside (1919) (7820153)

6.00am Goldiocks and the Turse Bears (1994) (28619) 7.00 The Emperor's New Clothes (1984) (72874) 8.00 The Gnomes' Great Adventure (60313) 10.00 Bride of Vengamos (1989) (87435) 12.00 Substantine Command (1981) (50336) 2.00pm The Polar Bear King (1982) (1522) 4.00 The Gnomes' Great Adven-ture (4605) 6.00 2 1 Bits blinks and the (1922) 4495) 6.00 3 Little Minjas and the Lost Treasure (1980) (62597) 7.30 Jamen (7023) 8.00 A Few Good Men (1992) (91404328) 10.20 The Vanishing (1982) (778226) 12.10am Swing Kids (1982) (73801) 2.05 Live Wire (1992) (23228) 3.40 Rondle (1980) (57801808) THE DISNEY CHANNEL

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SKY SPORTS

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10.00 mm. World Cup. Hall of Farma (9509684) 10.30 Golden Gloves (3096684) 11.30 The Golden Age of Motor Record 53(74226) 12.304.00mm. World Sport Memories 1989 (6040578)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 6.15mm Power for Lwng 6.45-7.00 Good 8.15 Kirtz TV 4.30 Jack Van Impo 5.00 foice at Victory 5.30 Kids TV 5.45 Rodney

SKY SOAP 7.00mm Guiding Light (5284874) 7.95 As the World Turns (3436787) 8.50 Peyton Place (2921961) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (3033858) 10.10-11.00 Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00ms Globerotter (2001226) 11:30 Trailbide (2005856) 12:00 On Top of the Transide (2005e5) 12.30pm Frugal Gournel World (805955) 12.30pm Frugal Gournel Cocks: Italian (742345) 1.00 Around the World (2002e18) 1.30 Travel Guide (8773935) 2.00 St/Special (881329) 3.00 Getmany (673022) 3.38-4.00 Kide Down THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm Death Tide at Tarawa (2181706) 5.00 The Life and Times of Lord Mountage

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13 1996

Curtain rises on troubled World Cup

England's first target is quarter-final place

CRICKET CORRESPNDENT

IN AHMEDABAD LAUNCHED amid hot air and ill will, the World Cup needs urgent redemption tomorrow, when the talking must pause for an interlude of cricket. And it is England. mere spectators through the days of rancour and rhetoric, who are charged with restoring the sense of purpose that this event has mislaid.

Not the least of the illogicalities of the competition is that the inaugural match does not feature either Pakistan, the holders, or India. their co-hosts. Instead, it is a meeting of England and New Zealand, neither of them previous winners of the Cup nor conspicuously likely to change their habits now. It is a game England are expected to win: conversely, it is a game they

Given the flabby format, a defeat for England in this plan that involved opening unlovely textile city would be their bowling with off spin

anything but terminal. How-ever, to lose their first game, with the eyes of every competing nation upon them, would and expose their brittleness. reviving the readily dismissed yet sensitively recent memory of their demise in the one-day series in South Africa.

England have no complaints about their itinerary. and nor should they. After New Zealand, priced by the bookmakers at a scornful 28-1, they play United Arab Emirates on Sunday and Holland next Thursday. Even Raymond Illingworth, not a notoriously gung-ho manager. admits there is the prospect of three wins to seal a favourable quarter-final. "It has fallen

quite well for us," he concedes. New Zealand will have no respect for this view. They were the revelations of the last World Cup, devising and adhering to an inventive game-

NEW ZEALAND (from): C J Spear-man, N J Astle, S P Fleming, FI G Twose, C L Caims, A C Parole, S A

Umpires: S G Randell (Australia) and B C Cooray (Sri Lanka). Reteree: M A K Pataudi (India).

and following up with a sequence of slow, accurate seamers. They will probably retain a similar pattern here. What they cannot call upon, however, is the inspirational batting of Martin Crowe.

The present New Zealand side, led by the scarcelyknown Lee Germon, is young and impossible to pigeon-hole. England know all about Roger Twose and Chris Cairns, and

morning for their game against West Indies on Friday.

Late last night, Babu Meman,

their tour manager, had heard nothing official about the dis-

covery of the lorry bomb and declined to speculate on what

Zimbabwe's reaction to the

At the weekend, a spokes-

man for the Tamil Tigers, who are waging a guerrilla war in

Sri Lanka, said that the group

had no intention of attacking

foreigners or sports personal-

ities. The bomb yesterday was

planted in a temple com-

The incident will cause in-

tense emharrassment to the

World Cup organisers, who

have consistently dismissed as

unfounded the fears that the

Australia and West Indies

players have raised over

Yesterday, before the bomb

was discovered, Inderjit Singh

Bindra, president of the Indi-

an Cricket Board, threatened

Australia and West Indies

region of E2 million — for

failing to carry out their

manager, responded to news

of the lorry bomb by saying:

We have no comment, it does

not concern us ... Don't expect any 'I told you so'

Ironically, security concerns

may now centre on the exhibi-

tion match between Sri Lanka

and a combined India-Paki-

stan team in Colombo today.

It was arranged to recom-

pense Sri Lanka for the loss of

demonstrate that it was quite

New scare, page 10 Marsball retires, page 42

safe to play in the city.

comments from me.

Wes Hall, the West Indies

news might be.

they are aware of Stephen Fleming's powerful stroke-Astle and Craig Spearman, the opening batsmen, will be new to them, although Astle is well enough known to Illingworth after spending two years playing for his club. Farsley. in the Bradford

Dipak Patel, whose offbreaks with the new ball were so effective four years ago, is back again, as are Gavin Larsen and Chris Harris, the apparently innocuous double act who strangled the middle overs of so many opposition innings. Add Cairns, Dion Nash and Danny Morrison, and their bowling looks any-thing but negligible.

England will try to second-guess New Zealand's tactics. "In most circumstances we will use our regular opening batsmen." Illingworth said, "but if we think Patel will open the bowling for New Zealand, we'll probably promote a hitter to go in first." This overrated tactic, with a high failure percentage, would fall either to Craig White or Dominic Cork, with the option of Phillip Defreitas if he is in the final

Whenever England encounter a slow pitch, which means in the majority of their games, they are likely to include both their specialist spin bowlers. Neil Smith and Richard Illingworth. This leaves room for only two front-line seam bowlers: Cork will be one and Darren Gough, his zest and late swing evidently restored,

should start as the other. Whoever else misses out be DeFreitas and Peter Martin one absentee will be Robin Smith. Injuries have already been unkind to England, with Cork, Gough and Neil Fairbrother all requiring treatment, but Smith alone is ruled out of the opening game

and still uncertain if he has a

England have been reas-

future in the tournament.

that Pilcom, the organising committee, will look kindly on requests to replace injured players. They have received no joy on voicing their unease about the process of recalculating targets in the event of rain, or the potential problems in the insistence on restarting games on the reserve day if 25 overs of the second innings have not been bowled. Theoretically, a team could score 300, have the opposition at 70 for nine in 24 overs and still have to start

England's officials, however, have had to come to India to raise their doubts. They have found the offices of the organisers, Pilcom, a communications blacksnot and estimate no more than 15 per cent of their letters, faxes and phone calls in the past year have been answered. The more one hears about this World Cup, the more wondrous it seems that it is

again - an extreme case,

though not impossible.

Europe plans for Bosman era "Time is running out for BY DAVID MILLER

governments to have any impact." A sports clause would THE administrative turmoil acknowledge the right of sport to protect its own interests, as within football in Europe, and within Uefa, continues. At a meeting of ten national associdoes the culture clause, though it would not be able to ations from the European Union at Windsor yesterday, it bypass the implications of was effectively admitted that labour laws regarding transthe Bosman judgment, outlawing the system of transfer

fees, was beyond challenge.

European clubs are going to

The only firm agreement

vas a recommendation to

Uefa, football's European gov-

erning body, to create a con-

sultative committee, em-

bracing representatives of

clubs and leagues, to help to

resolve the crisis that is not of

the EU's making: the future

format of European competi-

tions. The next executive meet-

ing of Uefa is in London this

Parry, chief executive of the Premier League, said. "The

players are organised, the agents are organised, and the

danger is that only the admin-

There was general approval for national associations ap-

proaching their respective

governments for assistance in

pressing for the inclusion of a

sports clause in a revised

European treaty. Yet, as Gra-

ham Kelly, the secretary of the

featherweight champion, as a

son for the Nevada ban. "I

would say everything is spec-ulation," Virgets said.

Morrison's promoter. Tony Holden, added: "If there is a

problem we are going to have Tommy refested." Mare

Ratner, the executive director

of the Nevada Commission

said he could not give more

Morrison never made any

secret about his fast lifestyle.

though before the bout with

Lewis he said he had changed

his ways. "I was a profession-

al partier — but I am re-formed now," he said.

more," Ratner said.

istrators are not."

"The clock is ricking," Rick

have to live with it.

There was a majority agree-ment that there should be negotiations with the EU to secure a transitional period for implementation of the abolition of transfers and the present "three plus two" eligibility rule. This was opposed by England, Scotland and Holland.

The judgment of December 15 is clear. Parry said. "We have to learn how to deal with the situation. A lobby by governments [to protect the transfer system] should have taken place five years ago. A transitory period only means ultimate acceptance of the

By agreement among the participating clubs, Uefa has already established that a voluntary "three plus two" eligibility rule - three foreigners plus two assimilated players per club - will continue to operate for the remainder of this season's European comp-

A "solidarity" proposal sug-gested by the EU — that a percentage of top professional

Swinburn making

progress WALTER SWINBURN, the Derby-winning Irish jockey seriously hart in a fall in Hong Kong on Sunday, regained consciousness yesterday. Last night he was under heavy sedation at the Prince Of Wales Hospital Although his condition was described as poor, his life is not in

danger. Swinburn, 34, suffered multiple injuries when his horse. Liffey River, hit a running rail and an Iron stanchion. Surgeons performed a minor operation to drain fluid from his skull, He also broke a shoulder and suffered multiple rib and collarbone fractures. Fluid and blood accumulated in his lungs. Swinburn's father, Wally, flew to Hong Kong

details. "I have been instructed by the Attorney General's office not to say anything yesterday to be at his son's The Hong Kong stewards of falls at Sha Tin and Happy Valley, have blamed the acci

dents on jockeys riding more

clubs' income should be distributed among smaller clubs as a replacement for transfer fees — was rejected.

The first concern of Kelly

and Parry is to attempt to preserve as far as possible the domestic transfer system, as part of the fundamental finanial structure of the game.

Kelly said: "We wish to serve it, because we think it's fair, that it's in the interest of the whole game, of all clubs,

and of all players". Parry is also concerned that Uefa should not provoke European legislation to the point where it further extends

ts jurisdiction over the game.

There is alarm, domestically,

concerning the television contract of the Premier League. The EU could impose further restrictions and Parry is anxi ious to have established something similar to the Sports Trust Act in the United States that allows sports administrators the right to determine television contracts in their own best interests. Where Uefa must be restrained, however, is in its pursuit of an expanded Champions' League. A champions competition is for champions on the field, not in the stock market.

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England's new change strip, a radical new departure from previous kits and, according to the manufacturer, based on a denim look, was modelled by Alan Shearer and Tim Flowers yesterday. Report, page 40

Bomb discovery heightens doubts about Colombo

BY SIMON WILDE

HOPES that on-field affairs in the cricket World Cup might now take precedence were dashed yesterday by the disbomb, which was located a mile from the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo. This find, plus reports of a

Sri Lanka, raised fresh doubts over the willingness of the Zimbabwe and Kenya teams to fulfil fixtures on the island. Already Australia and West Indies have forfeited matches against Sri Lanka rather than go there, after a suicide bombing in Colombo two weeks o. Both teams were sched-

Zimbabwe are perhaps the more likely to be concerned by

ground.

uled to play at the Premadasa

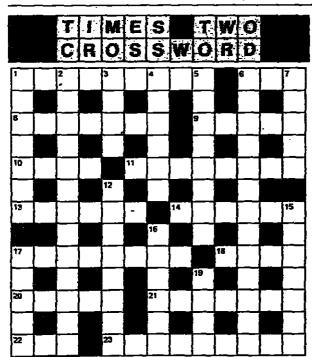
the new developments. Their match is in Colombo on February 21, while Kenya's is

held up to ridicule.

ved in Hyderabad yesterday

on March 6. Several of the Zimbabwe players were anxious about the original decision to go ahead with their visit to the island. If Sri Lanka gained two more walkovers they would enter the quarter-finals without playing any cricket, an unacceptable state of affairs. The tournament would be

The Zimbabwe party arri-



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Lewis to undergo HIV test

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

LENNOX LEWIS, of Britain. the former World Boxing Council heavyweight champ on, is to take a test for HIV. The measure is a precautionary one after reports that Tommy Morrison, his last opponent four months ago. may have tested HIV-positive. On Saturday, the Nevada State Athletic Commission

suspended Morrison hours before his bout in Las Vegas against Arthur Weathers, another American. The Commission did not give any reported that one of the tests was for HIV - and that Morrison had tested positive. Lewis, whose next opponent is Ray Mercer on May

10. was not available for comment yesterday. Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said, however: "No one knows exactly what's the matter with Morrison but all the precautions that are necessary will be taken. Lennox is due to have a full medical with the boxing board in March and HIV tests will be done then. I catching Aids from a boxing match is a million to one." Panos Eliades, Lewis's backer, who had told The New York Daily News that we had better get our man in

lot of blood in that fight," said yesterday, however, that he was not worried as Lewis was not cut in the bout with Morrison in Atlantic City. undergo a similar check was

Colin McMillan, the former World Boxing Organisation

spoke to a doctor today - he told me the chance of anyone

result of a bloody encounter with Ruben Palacio, of Colombia, in September 1992. When he came back to Britain to defend his title in 1993, Palacio was found to be HIVinfected. McMillan had tests and was deared. Tommy Virgets, Morrison's trainer, said that neither he nor Morrison knew the rea-

The last British boxer to

Morrison: fast living



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IN THE TIMES

Warren agrees to company ban

BY JON ASHWORTH AND MORAG PRESTON

FRANK WARREN, the boxing promoter, was dis-qualified from serving as a company director for seven years by a High Court judge yesterday. The ban follows a four-year investi-gation by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and threatens to cast a pall over next month's world title fight in Las Vegas between Mike Tyson and Frank Bruno.

Mr Warren, who recovered from a gangland shooting incident to be-come the UK's foremost Naseem Harned and Nigel Benn are also on his books - had been due in court on Monday to fight the DTI action. However, he consented to a seven-year ban in the face of accusations ranging from trading while insolvent to failing to file annual returns.

The disqualification order is linked in part to the London Arena, the entertainment complex in London's Docklands which collapsed in 1991 with debts of more than E20 million. Mr Warren had a key financial stake in the venue, and suffered substantial losses when the receivers went in. The London Arena subsequently reopened under new

Never mind the quality, enjoy the sex, defence tells New York court



Joan Collins: her lawyer said her literary work was "not uneditable, just unedited"

Joan Collins just needed an editor, says her lawyer

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

JOAN COLLINS'S main ingredients for the plot of her book were 'money and sex and power and sex and intrigue and sex", her lawyers admitted yesterday, but they

uneditable, just unedited". Donald Zakarin, summing up for Miss Collins in the New York Supreme Coun case brought against her by Ran-dom House, said the publish-ing group had claimed her manuscripts were not "comolete", as demanded by her \$4 million contract.

With a flourish, he produced a definition of complete" from Random Houses's own dictionary. It described the word as "having all paris or elements, lacking nothing, whole, entire, full. Quality was not mentioned, noted Mr Zakarin.

He accused Random House of trying to intimidate all authors with its case against Miss Collins. "They are saying Don't mess with us, or we will show the world the difference between what you send to us and what we publish'."

Random House is suing Miss Collins for the return of a \$1.2 million advance after it was dissatisfied with her manuscripts. In the week-long

case the court has laughed at extracts from Miss Collins's raw work. "Random House has attempted to humiliate her," said her lawyer.

Before yesterday's proceed ings. Miss Collins admitted she was "mistress of adjectives" and told the New York Post that if she lost the case she would have to "sell a picture or a bracelet or some thing". She said that when her late agent. Irving "Swifty" Lazar, told her the size of her two-book deal with Random

House, she had gasped. Mr Zakarin said the only reason the deal went through was that Alberto Vitale, head of Random House, was "starstruck" by the well-preserved 62-year-old actress.

Miss Collins overcame detailed cross-examination House's attorney, Robert Callagy. Proceedings then de-scended to farce when the defence tried to illustrate its closing arguments with large story-boards, placed perilously on a tripod. They fell to earth with a clatter, creating mirth in the courtroom.

Miss Collins might never have had any trouble if the been as colourful as those in

court. From the star witness to

the irascible Judge Ira

Gammerman, the case has

provided rich material for a

novel. Judge Gammerman, a

classic no-nonsense New York

judge, harries lawyers, attacks

verbosity and sucks his teeth in the manner of Alastair Sim. Robert Callagy, the lead lawyer for Random House,

evokes a pot-boiler anti-hero.

During one heated exchange he asked Miss Collins: "Have

Joni Evans, Random

House's chief witness who

was agent and one-time friend to Miss Collins, has described

the actor's prose as "gothic

married to the feminist writer

Miss Collins - the undis-

every day. She said yesterday

experience as inspiration for

her next book. "Swifty always

told me: 'Remember kiddo, all

they really want to know is

who you slept with. And to tell

you the truth, I do have a few

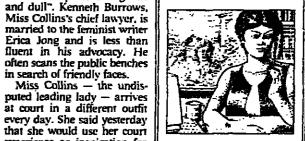
in search of friendly faces.

you no shame?"

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Climber killed as he saved wife on her birthday

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE sole survivor of an which was not readily apparavalanche in central Asia has died less than three years later, in an avalanche in Glencoe Paul Potter, married at Christmas, managed to save the life of his wife before

he was swept away. Theresa Potter had joined her husband on a climb because it was her birthday him. with him. Mr Potter, 42, from Woking, Surrey, was running a training course for an adven-

ture holiday company.
Only one person was signed up for the course this week: Alison Todd, 31, an inexperienced climber. She also lived because Mr Potter made both women unhitch their ropes from him and move away."

In August 1993, Mr Potter was the sole survivor of an expedition he led to Kazakhstan, when two British and killed on the 23,000ft Khan Tengri in the Tien Shan range. On Monday, he was tack-ling the 2,800ft Aonach Dubh. the most westerly peak in the range. The Scottish Avalanche Information Service has been warning of a serious risk all

Yesterday the deputy leader of the Glencoe Mountain Rescue Team. David Gunn, said Mr Potter's final actions had almost certainly saved the lives of the two women. He said: "I understand that all of a sudden, he realised

that there was a real risk -

ent - as the three of them were going up the final slope Mr Potter dug a snow pit and tested for avalanche risk.

Realising they were in danger, he told the two women to unhinch their ropes and spread out on either side of

the action of a very brave man, who knew exactly what he was doing. By spreading them out, he drastically cut down the risk of them all being caught by the full force. The two women would have lost their lives if it was not for his experience and knowledge."

Mrs Potter, 37, had been married for less than two months. Her husband's body was recovered yesterday.



avalanche in 1993

Torment of one-armed man who killed boy

A SOLICITOR defending the one-armed man accused of murdering schoolboy Lee Kinch told yesterday of his client's "three-year torment" at the hands of local youths which led up to the stabbing.

Julian Linskill, Leo Gavan's solicitor, told Huyton magistrates' court that his client had lost his arm below the elbow when he was seven. Mr Merseyside, three years ago, and his disability became the subject of taunts, Mr Linskill said: "My client's life has been made a misery. Among other tribulations, bricks have been thrown through windows often within an hour of their being re-glazed. Youths make it their business to abuse

Mr Gavan, who is unemployed, appeared at the court on a charge of murdering 14year-old Lee on Sunday. Reporting restrictions were lifted on the application of Mr Linskill, who said: "I appeal for anybody who has evidence of what he has had to put up with to come forward."

On the night of the murder stones were thrown through Mr Gavan's windows. He chased the youths, then struck Lee with a knife, Maria Corr,

for the Crown, said.

Asked why he had stabbed Lee, Mr Gavan replied: Because he deserved it." He denied intent to kill or cause serious bodily harm. He was remanded in custody and a committal was fixed for April

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Company given two months to repair Austen film house

By Marcus Binney and Emma Wilkins

THE owner of an 18th-century mansion used in the forthcoming Emma Thompson film of Sense and Sensibility has been ordered to conduct vital repairs of face losing the Grade I listed property. Chandos House, built in

1770 near Harley Street in London, has been left empty since it was bought five years ago by a property development company whose chairman is a Nigerian chieftain. English Heritage has given

Fairgate Investments two months to carry out repair work, otherwise it will consider proceedings for computsory purchase of the house. Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chair-

concerned by the decaying roof, spreading dry rot and cracked walls. It is unaccept able that a building of this importance has been allowed to fall into a serious state of.

disrepair." he said. bouse was the embassy of the "We hope that the owners. Austro-Hungarian empire will now act quickly to repair and was used for lavish



Chandos House empty for five years .

the building or sell it to someone who will care for it and bring it back into use." Chandos House built for the third Duke of Bucking ham and Chandos, was used man of English Heritage, is for London scenes in the Jane Austen adaptation. The interior, featuring original decoration by Robert Adam, became the townhouse of John and Fanny Dashwood Between 1815 and 1871 the

house was the embassy of the

parties by Prince Esterhary, the ambassador. It was last used as a headquarters and hostel for the Royal Medical Association eight years ago. Fairgate investments.

chaired by Chief Akindele, is estimated to have paid £6 million for the house at the height of the property boom. It is understood that the company is unwilling to sell it for less than the original purchase price. The company obtained

permission to convert the house to a luxury hotel but the work was not considered via-

ble and permission has ex-pired. After the theft of four Adam fireplaces from the house. Fairgate Investments is suing a security company for £1.5 million. The owners carried out temporary repairs to make the building watertight last year

after English Heritage served an urgent works notice. If English Heritage succeeds in obtaining a compulsory purchase order, the price will be determined by the

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Warner Bro plans 1225m studio and Record company sets up helpline to ease grief of teenage fans at the departure of their heartthrobs

Parents urged to sympathise as Take That split

TAKE THAT, whose music and carefully choreographed dance routines caused many a teenage heart to throb, are now breaking them by split-ing up. The four remaining members of the most successful British act of the 1990s insisted yesterday that their decision was unanimous and

Take That, who sold ten million albums worldwide and had seven British No I singles, announced their plans to pursue separate careers at a packed news conference in Manchester, their home city.

Within minutes of their announcement some fans were telephoning local radio stations in floods of tears begging the band not to split. RCA, the band's record company, has set up a helpline to get them through the first few months of life without Take That. Fans have also been telephoning Childline, the nattelephoning Childline, the national children's charity, to share their grief at the demise of their favourite band.

Parents were urged to sym-pathise with upset children: They need to realise that young people have very in-tense feelings about their role-models and heroes."

The band, a polished ensemble of pretty and politic lads called Jason Orange. Robbie Williams, Howard Donald, Gary Barlow and Mark Owen, was formed in 1990. They had their first hit single in 1992 and won numerous music industry awards and the affection of



to the group earlier

millions of screaming fans. They notched up 12 top ten singles, 14 top 40 has and three albums, two of which reached No I in the charts.

pledged themselves to a pure life without drink, drugs or guilfriends. Recently the boys", as they were referred to in the music press, updated their image, using raunchy dance routines and wearing stage costumes which offered glimpses of their buttocks."

They bow our with their new single, a remake of How Deep Is Your Love? by the Ree Ges. an appearance next week at the Brit awards and a concert in Holland in April The band's members pleaded with fans to "hold themselves together" until the band mem-bers resurfaced in their new

ration; "We have done all we can do as Take That. "The four band members had each indopendently decided a few months ago to split while they were "at the top", he added. Williams is suing RCA to sever his contract. Take That

resterday admitted that this High Court action hung over their decision to split. Effy per cent of it is that it's what we all decided to do, " Owen said. "There are other factors that we don't want to go into." Despite the band's insis-tence they were all ready to pursue separate carcers, Gary Barlow, 25, the band's principai singer and songwriter, was the only member able to announce immediate plans for a solo career. He said he hoped to have a single re-leased by the summer, fol-lowed by an album and a tour.

Barlow is said to be worth 66.5 million, while the other three band members are reputed to have amassed £1.5 million each. They seem correspondingly less confident about their futures, which they hope will be in the music

When asked if Jason, Howard and Mark might sink without trace after the split, Jason Orange, 25, replied with a smirk: "There's every chance of that." However, Orange said there was every chance of a "comeback thing". He told the fans: When we say it's the erid, it's the end of Take That as it is now."



And then there were none: Jason Orange, Gary Barlow, Mark Owen and Howard Donald, who insist the split is unanimous and amicable

Hit and miss careers of yesterday's teen idols

OLD pop groups never die, they go solo, go broke, or stage eternal comebacks. Bros. Wham! and the Bay City Rollers were short-lived "teenybopper" groups that split up in a blaze of publicity after earning millions of

Only one of the three bands has spawned a successful solo artist - George Michael from Wham!. The other former 'stars" were relegated to the fringes of the music business.

Matt and Luke Goss, the twins who formed Bros, were the idols of a generation of teenyboppers from 1988 to 1991, when their last chart

single. Try. failed to climb

above No 27. The band split,

Luke stayed in London and

Matt went to Los Angeles for

. three years "to grow as a man,

to centre myself". He returned to London and a relaunch as a solo artist last year, while hard-rock band called Why. Both men, who are said to have earned and spent £12 million at the height of their ame, have retreated into rela-

When Wham! split up in 1986, Michael and Andrew Ridgley had sold more than 20 million albums and 12 million singles during four years at the top, earning them £23 million. With such laddish hits as Wham Rap and Young Guns (Go for It). Michael was embarrassed by the group's teenybop image, but his solo career was blighted by a courtroom tiff with. Sony Records, which he lost. The contract dispute was re-



Tartan echoes: the Bay City Rollers at their peak

solved when Virgin Records and Dreamworlds Media Empire bought him out for £30 million. Ridgely moved to Monaco and took up Formula Three motor racing. His only

flopped in 1990. By 1992 he had retreated from showbusiness to live with his girlfriend, the Bananarama her son. They live in Corn-wall, where Ridgely spends much of his time surfing. while royalties roll in. The Bay City Rollers, sensa tions of the 1970s, are touring

in two rival groups which formed when they split up acrimoniously in 1978. The lead singer, Les McKeown, 39, fronts Les McKeown's Seventies Bay City Rollers while the rest of the group won the legal right to call themselves The Bay City Rollers. The two bands play in small venues such as town halls and colleges, where they still wear tarian and pump out old hits such as Shang-a-Lang and Bye, Bye Baby.

They may be inspired by a Seventies revival in America: the Osmonds, minus Donny but as toothsome as ever, have just released The Best of the

firms cash in on the lottery

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT :

JUNK mail companies are offering misleading promotional prize draws which "promise the earth but invari-ably fail to deliver", advertising watchdogs said yesterday. The Advertising Standards Authority said that complaints

about direct mail prize draws which mislead people into believing they have won cash prizes have snared since the launch of the National Lottery. Mailings that appear to make recipients think that

they have won big prizes are generally only invitations to enter a prize draw," the Authority said. Research by a direct mail company showed that although 20 per cent of people have entered a prize draw, more than 30 per cent believe them to be "scams."

One mailshot from Hospital Plan Insurance Services claimed: You have won a money prize" but people had to fill in a direct debit formmade out to the company to collect a prize. The Authority said the mailing gave the impression that prizes would be large, when in fact many were for small amounts.

Grahame Fowler, for the Authority, said: "These firms are exploiting lettery fever. Consumers are aware that their chances of winning the lottery are not high and they are tempted by what look like better odds in these draws. It leaves people angry and disappointed."

Junk mail Warner Brothers plans £225m film studio and park

By Eric Reguly

in Britain since the Second-World War.

Together with MAI, owner of the Anglia and Meridian ITV companies, Warner Bros announced yesterday a £225 million project to include a theme park with movie-based adventure rides and scenes and sets from famous British movies. About 1,000 full-time jobs are expected to be created.

The park, to be called Movie

World, would be built on a largely vacant 150-acre site in the west London Borough of Hillingdon, north of Heathrow airport. Warner and MAI hope to open Movie World in the summer of 1999.

The two companies said trat-borough officials were positive about the project, partly because of the job opportuni-ties for the region. The development is forcast to generate about £200 million in annual spending in London and the of an increasingly global film South East. The companies and TV industry."

WARNER BROS, the film emphasised that Movie World studio best known for Casa was not a Euro Disney in the blanca and Bugs Bunny, making. The theme park April and October, though the studio would operate year round, and the site would have no hotels or internal

transportation systems. Visitors - about two million are expected a year - will undoubtedly come up against Warner's cast of movie leg-ends, including Tweetie Pie, the Tasmanian Devil, the Road Runner, Daffy Duck and Batman

The film studio will distinguish Movie World from most of the other theme parks. With 5,000 square metres of soundstage space, it will be the world's most modern and will help to make the west London area, home to the Pinewood and Shepperton studios, the Hollywood of Europe.

Lord Hollick, MAI's managing director, said: "Movie World will give the UK the capacity to meet the demands



Nick Winslow, left, and Sandy Reisenbach, senior Warner executives, flank Lord Hollick yesterday

University pays tribute to Rushdie THE University of East An

glia has announced the award of Distinguished Fellow in Literature for Salman Rushdie for his "outstanding achievement as a writer". The award also recognised Mr Rushdie's long-standing links with the university. Only two others. Doris

Lessing and Arthur Miller, hold this title, Mr Miller said yesterday: "There cánnot be a writer more descrying of this honour than Salman Rushdie. His extraordinary art and his public life express the aspirations of this civilisation af their noblest." Last month Mr Rushdie was named 1995 Author of the Year at the British Book Awards.

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Queen Mother salutes agents who 'set Europe alight'



The Queen Mother arriving

AND JOHN YOUNG

QUEEN Elizabeth the Queen Mother undertook her first public engagement since her hip operation last November yesterday when she unveiled a memorial plaque in Westminster Abbey to Allied agents who died behind enemy lines during the Second World War.

More than 200 survivors of the Special Operations Executive, all now elderly and several in wheelchairs, attended the service to watch the Queen Mother, herself 95, unveil the commemorative stone to the 761 SOE volunteers who gave their lives, many by orture and execution.

Five years ago the Queen Moth er, who is patron of the Special Forces Club, travelled to the south of France to unveil a memorial to SOE at Valencay, near the spot where the first SOE agent was parachuted into the heart of

Looking well despite a bandaged leg, and walking with only one stick, the Queen Mother was joined by a host of veterans, many shadowy and unknown, but some recognisable, including Viscount Slim, president of the Special Forces Club, and the actor Christopher Lee, himself a war-

time SOE agent.
The Special Operations Executive was established, with the approval of the War Cabinet, on July 22, 1940, its task being, in Churchill's words, to "set Europe alight". It was headed by Hugh Dalton, then Minister for EcoChancellor of the Exchequer in the post-war Labour government. Like all the other "secret ar-

mies" operating behind enemy lines, it attracted men and women whose courage, linguistic abilities and taste for intrigue matched their lack of respect for military convention, and consequently antagonised the establishment. Its creation brought objections

from both MI6 and the Army, to which Dalton replied that regular soldiers were "not the men to stir up revolution, to create social chaos or to use all those ungentlemanly means of winning the war

SOE was at constant logger-heads with its rival, the Special Intelligence Service (SIS), and its

first substantive mission, in May 1941, to parachute members of General de Gaulle's Free French army into northern France, was almost frustrated by the reluctance of the Royal Air Force to supply the aircraft. Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal. Chief of the Air Staff, said: "The dropping of men in civilian clothes to kill members of the opposing forces is not an operation with which the RAF

But, with Churchill's enthusiastic support, SOE grew in strength and numbers. Its agents were trained in burglary, safebreaking, hand-to-hand combat and silent killing. The tailors of Savile Row supplied them with clothes that would not look out of place in continental Europe, and the Sci-ence Museum provided forged

should be associated."

papers. From occupied France, the group's activities spread to eastern Europe and the Balkans, and to the Far East, especially Burma, where intelligence activities proved important in turning the tide of Japanese invasion. Among its more notable tasks was the planning of the destruction of the German heavy water plant in Norway which might have given the Nazis the lead in constructing

the first atom bomb.

SOE was staffed mainly by British and Canadians, but its principal task was to recruit and train local resistance movements in enemy-occupied countries. There were blunders as well as triumphs, and the price was often high. In June 1942 both the Czech and the Dutch resistance movements were betrayed to the Ges-

1944 28 British and French SOE officers were executed in retaliation for Allied bombing raids. In July 1945 the survivors of a group operating behind Japanese lines near Singapore were beheaded. Among the triumphs was a successful mission to France to fly

out a number of agents, including François Mitterrand, the future French president, who returned to his homeland three months later to organise a new resistance movement. The value of SOE's efforts was demonstrated on D-Day. June 6 1944, when, to reinforce the Allied landings in Normandy, it alerted 175,000 resistance fighters with the curious signal: The violin strings of autumn wound my heart with a monotonous languor.

Cave cut off for millions of years is home to unknown species that evolved without light

Explorers discover a lost world the apes left behind

DETAILS of a lost world cut off for more than five million years and containing 31 unknown species were described to American scientists vesterday. Rising floodwaters forced the occupants of a Romanian cave to leave behind the normal rules of life on Earth at a time when man's nearest relatives were still living as apes.

The creatures have evolved to live in darkness, without photosynthesis capturing energy from the sun, and instead live on chemical energy provided by an atmosphere of hydrogen sulphide. which would be poisonous to most life on the planet.

They were discovered when the ape-like creatures, now humans drilling the foundations for a nuclear power plant, unexpectedly broke through to the Mobile cave near Mangalia, close to the Black Sea coast, in 1986. A plant was abandoned because of the unfavourable geology. His studies ended when he



fled the Ceausescu dictatorship and were resumed only in 1990, after the regime fell.

Yesterday Mr Šarbu, now at the University of Cincinatti, told the American Association for the Advancement of Science how all the food consumed by the creatures in the cave came from the energy produced by the oxidation of hydrogen sulphide, a gas giv-en off by natural sulphur springs. The creatures who have survived, and in some cases evolved, range from bacteria to spiders, beetles and scorpions. The closest known parallels are communities of creatures living around vents on the ocean floor. Mr Sarbu

said that the cave was just a small part of an ecosystem that spread underground over 100 square kilometres. "We are looking at the entire aid. "This particular cave is just one room in a whole maze of passages that are not accessible to us."

Most of the unusual animals are found in air pockets which can be reached only by diving. The theory is that they became isolated from the outside world when the level of the Black Sea fell about 512 million years ago. At that time, man's nearest ancestors are believed to have been the "southern apes" of Africa.
The walls of the caves and

the surface of the subterranean lakes are covered by a dense mat of microbes. DNA analysis confirms that species have been isolated for a long time. An isopod - a relative of the pill bug - has been isolated from its relations for nearly one million years, and a water scorpion appears to have evolved for between two



Into the unknown: two of the exploration team — and a watchful pet — with biologist Serban Sarbu, right

microbes may be the reason why the cave system is so extensive. Mr Sarbu says. "We know that the oxidation of hydrogen sulphide will eventually lead to the formation of sulphuric acid, which will

attack the limestone rock." The animals include spi-

and five million years. The ders, leeches, snails, beetles, and a range of water-living creatures including nematode worms. All show a condition known as troglomorphy, with pale-coloured bodies, a reduction or complete loss of the proportions which they use to

dark. Of the 47 species found in the caves, 31 were new.

Now the explorers are trying to make sure that their arrival does not upset the underworld. Working in such an unusual environment is eyes, and antennae of gigantic difficult. Even breathing can problems, only three people

biologist who is part of the investigating team.

"Once you start breathing depleted oxygen, the invertebrates are used to a certain level of oxygen and start running away. To prevent cause problems, said Mr are allowed in the caves at any

When man bites doctor, reach for the antibiotics

tomed to being bitten by dogs tant in our Norfolk practice became so neurotic about it that he wasted hours a day sitting in his car while he plucked up courage to make a dash for the patient's door. It was no good explaining that dog bites don't usually become infected.

It is different when some one is bitten by another person, as I learnt when a patient dug her teeth into my wrist: the resulting wound became most unpleasantly infected. The common clinical observation that the bites of cats and dogs are not so likely to become septic as those of a human has been confirmed by a study of animal bites by four American doctors, published in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology.

In the United States, I per cent of people who visit a casualty department do so because of a dog bite, and half of the American population will be bitten by a dog at

Usually the injury is trivial and the wound heals rapidly.



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

In adults the dog usually bites a hand, arm or the lower legs but in children it tends to go for the face: a good plastic surgeon should be consulted at once. In adults, unless there is severe tissue damage or the teeth have been dug in very deeply. secondary infection is so rare after a dog bite that the paper's authors don't even recommend routine anti-

Cats have sharper teeth which act like needles during a bite and carry any organ isms that are in the cat's mouth deep into the tissue of the patient's limbs, or sometimes into the small joints of the hand and wrist. Infection is more common than with dogs, and if the joint is involved the patient may suffrom septic arthritis. However, the most sinister bite of all is that of the human. Human mouths are teeming with organisms and a bite is capable of spreading bacteria or oral viruses, such as the herpes virus.

Abscesses and cellulitis and bacterial cellulitis are frequent complications of human bites and a really savage bite can also damage underlying tendons of joints.

The wound needs careful dead tissue and, if a cat or human bite, antibiotics as well as an anti-tetanus booster. Although the American doctors haven't found it necessary, many British doctors treat all bites as puncture wounds and give prophylac-tic antibiotics whether the bite has been caused by a

Electricity lines 'are magnets for toxic pollution'

BY NICK NUITALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

POWER lines concentrate car and industrial fumes into clusters of dangerous gases which could increase the risk of cancer, a scientific study has shown. Families living near busy roads and overhead cables are most at risk, according to a research team led by Professor Denis Henshaw of Bristol University.

It found that carcinogenic pollutants such as benzene and radioactive polonium from petrol are attracted to power lines "like bees round a honey pot". The scientists claim homes with naturally occurring radon gas are also affected by overhead power lines, which trigger a build-up of radioactive particles, exposing the occupants to an increased risk of cancer.

Dr Alan Preece, a member of the team, said yesterday that the worst scenario would be that of a family living near a busy road and overhead power lines in an area with high radon gas levels.

The National Radiological Protection Board, the Government's radiation advisers, yes terday dismissed the results as 'speculative". But Professor Henshaw said that it had failed to understand the science behind the research.

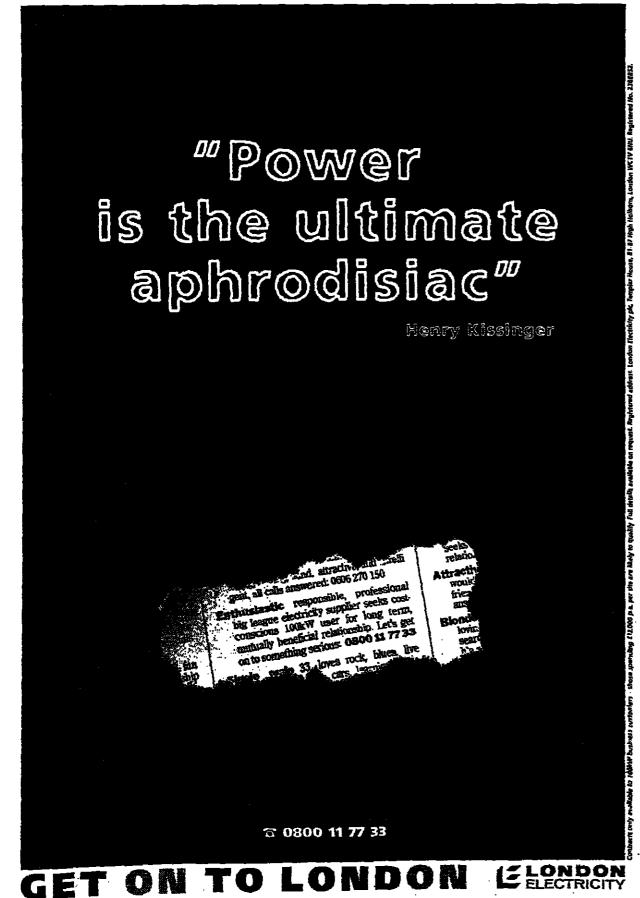
His team had crossed the conceptual barrier* that there was no evidence showing how exposure to electro-magnetic fields might cause cancer. "In fact such fields can concentrate a cocktail of known carcinogens," he said.

The findings, funded by the Medical Research Council, follow laboratory experiments simulating low and high-powered electric fields.

Professor Henshaw's team claim the radioactive gas particles and traffic-fume pollutants bind to water vapour or aerosols. The power lines, whose fields can penetrate homes, concentrate these hazardous aerosols. The electrical field also causes them to "oscillate", making it easier for them to penetrate the lungs and other body tissues.

"The effect we measured indoors could be even more pronounced outdoors. In homes the issue is radon gas. Outside it is other sources, of which motor-vehicle exhausts are a key one," said Professor Henshaw. Many ideas have been advanced to explain why cases of leukaemia are higher near power lines, but no link

Professor Henshaw said the National Grid might consider fitting mesh screens, which significantly reduce electromagnetic fields, around power



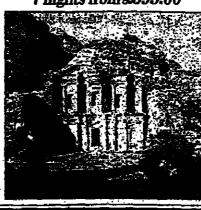
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Syria and Jordan, two of the world's most fascinating countries. We reach Damascus in the evening where we spend three nights at the al-Faradis Hotel. From here we make our visit to Palmyra with the choice of other optional visits including an exploration of the Old City of Damascus, best done on foot, and perhaps a visit to the Street

Then travel onwards overland to Petra for three nights' stay at the Petra Guest House situated at the very gates of the site itself. During our stay optional visits may be made to the site of Petra, best made over two days followed perhaps An Inaugural Offer

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by excursions to Little Petra, Jerash, and Wadi Rum. Finally, our last night is spent in the town of Bosra where we explore the perfectly preamascus for the flight to London Catwick.

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Village wins 25-year battle to defeat quarry plan by buying hill with £1m of lottery cash

Welshmen who won an uphill battle to save their mountain

By Acexandra Frean MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

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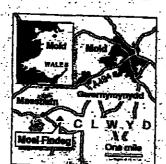
RESIDENTS of a tiny rural community in Wales have been awarded £1 million of lottery money to buy the heather clad mountain that overlooks their village and prevent it being quarried for sandstone.

The 350 villagers of Maeshafn in Clwyd plan to turn Moel Findeg, a pictur-esque 24-hectare site that is home to badgers, snakes and rare heather moorland vegetation, into a nature reserve.

The villagers put in a bid for lottery money after they lost a 25-year legal battle to prevent a local family-owned civil engineering company. F. G. Whitley & Sons, from digging up part of the mountain to produce road-building

materials.

David Scruton, secretary of the Maeshafn and District Rural Association, who helped to lead the battle to save Moel Findeg, said that the idea for applying for a lottery grant came from his wife, Ann, after she heard a programme about the lottery on the radio. We are delighted. It is a very large



hill really, but everybody here refers to it as our mountain." Mr Scruton said. "From the top you can see the Clwydian mountain range and on a clear day you can even see the lights from the Blackpool illumin-

quarrying activity would have destroyed the mountain. Mr Scruton said. They would have built a road 100ft wide right up to it. At present the road is not even the width of a lorry." he said.

The villagers plan to start clearing up the bracken and scrub from the pathways over the mountain, which has had no proper maintenance for 25

Geoff Rutherford, landlord of the Miners' Arms, the only

pub in Maeshafa, said that the villagers were thrilled about the grant. The mountain is very popular with visiting walkers and ramblers as well as with locals. This is a very tight-knit community and it is a great feeling for every-body here to have won this battle," he said.

Stephen Salt, chief planner of Clwyd County Council, said that the council had spent about £100,000 in legal fees trying to save the 400ft hill from being quarried. He said the nature reserve on Moel Findeg, which has been designated an area of outstanding natural beauty by the Countryside Commission, would be run by the new Denbighshire County Council. . .

The money to purchase the mountain has come from the Heritage Lottery Fund and was announced yesterday as part of an £11 million programme of 49 grants.

Peter Richards, a spokes-man for F. G. Whitley & Sons, said: The company has always appreciated that it is an area of outstanding natural beauty and that if retained it. would be of immeasurable



High hopes: some of the residents of Maeshafn yesterday in front of the hill they know as "our mountain"

Award puts class struggle on the Internet

By KATE ALDERSON

AN elderly couple's collection of memorabilia about labour most £198,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Working Class Movement Li-

brary was originally set up by Edmund and Ruth Frow in their semi-detached house at Old Trafford, Manchester. The collection grew so large

a Victorian building owned by Salford city council, Mr Frow, now 89, and his wife, 73, have a flat in the three-storey building. The grant will enable the collection to be catalogued on the Internet, as well as helping to pay for a chair lift and an overhauled heating system.

Students and academics travel from all over the world

union officer, said: "Ruth and I believe that change comes about through knowledge."

The library, now a trust, is adorned with union banners and political cartoons from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The collection, monitored by the British Library. includes a trade union archive original documents signed by Chartist leaders.

Thousands of books and pamphlets cover subjects from anarchism and the co-operative movement to Marx and working-class poetry.

Mrs Frow, a former deputy

headmistress, said they were "the luckiest people alive" because they were able to live among the fruits of their labours and use the library late into the right. They have produced nine books together.

patchwork of efficiency and inef-

ficiency". Its greatest strength is not

as a "fact-swapping device" but as a thread with which to weave webs of

The first she describes as a kind

humans use language "to keep in touch with one another"; the sec-

ond she regards as the way we

influence and persuade one

"mutual grooming". where

"friendship" and "deceit".

Boy's death at funfair 'inevitable'

A boy's death on a funfair water-chute that had bolts missing was "an accident waiting to happen", Cardiff Crown Court was told. Timothy Morgan, 9, of Cardiff, was struck by a loose metal bar, knocking him 10ft onto a corrugated roof at Easter 1994. Pat Evans, 73, owner of the fair at Porthcawl, Mid Glamorgan, admined risking passengers' safety by failing to carry out proper repairs. He will be sentenced today.

Job claim lost

A social worker who admitted plotting to murder her former husband has lost her claim against unfair dismissal. Linda Barnes, 44, of Nailsca, Bristol, was sacked by Avon County Council after she was given a two-year prison sentence, suspended for two years, by Bristol Crown Court.

RAF pilot killed

The pilot of an RAF Hawk trainer on a routine mission was killed yesterday as he ejected on take-off from RAI Valley in Anglesey. The pilot. whose has not been named. was alone in the aircraft when it went into a sudden roll. He ejected but was too close to the ground to survive.

Rock fan jailed

A rock fan was jailed for five years at the Old Bailey for the manslaughter of a neighbour who complained about Led Zeppelin's Whole Lotta Love played at full volume. David Ravenhall, 23, of Sydenham, southeast London, admitted stabbing William Clark, 44, through the heart.

Back to the river

A campaign to rebuild the stairs and steps that once gave access to the Thames is launched today. The London Rivers Association also aims to find new uses for abandoned ietties and barges. The steps had distinctive names, such as Hoy Steps, Elephant Stairs and Pickle Herring Stairs.

How the hunt for food helped to put words into man's mouth

By TUNKU VARADARAIAN

hy do we have language when other animals do words from Where do we get our words from Why are all lan-guages, no matter where they are spoken, so broadly similar?

These questions, which should intrigue the layman as much as the inguist formed the bedrock of last night's Reith Lecture by Jean Aitchison the Rapert Mindoch Professor of Language and Communication at Oxford University The lecture, the second in a series

entitled The Language Web, sought to explore the origins — and evolution — of human language. Professor Aitchison said: For

centuries ideas about language origin have frothed like soap bubbles, then burst into nothing." She said the subject had long been "the locus of one weird idea after another" - John Webb argued in the 17th century, for example, that Noah and his family spoke to each other in Chinese — and that it had become a serious field of inquiry in

important part of this inquiry, as last night's lecture showed - and her next book, The Seeds of Speech Language Origin and Evolution, will be published in March by Cambridge University

Professor Aitchison believes that modern humans and human language "probably came from one area of the globe" — Africa, The tectonic shift that created the Great The professor, of course, leads an Rift Valley there, she said, stranded range of alternatives". As if that

humans in the arid east of the continent, pressing them to adapt in order to survive. Herbivorous man took to hunting and eating meat it was then, also, that he may have taken to language

In this controversial part of her lecture, the professor stated that since "evolution is as much a case of suppressing some options as it is of selecting others, language may have been a locky choice out of a

Wonderfill

were not enough food for thought for one lecture, Professor Aitchison also suggested that the communication of information was not the most important function of lan-

"Language is good at transferring some types of data, especially negative reports such as 'No buses will run on Sunday' but it is bad at other types, especially spatial information, where instructions such as Take the third turning on the righ then the fourth on the left' would be much clearer on a map." Language, she said, was

□ Professor Aitchison's next lecture is on Tuesday at 8.30pm on

BBC Radio 4.

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By JILL SHERMAN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MALCOLM RIFKIND resisted demands from Tory Euro-sceptics yesterday for the Covernment's White Paper on the EU to include radical proposals on the single currency and repatriation of powers from Brussels.

The Foreign Secretary dampened expectations that the paper will take a hard line on winning concessions at next month's summit in Turin. He also dismissed calls for immediate clarification of Britain's position on a single currency, and ruled out using the inter-governmental conference as a stage for confronta-tion on qualified majority

Mr Rifkind outlined the Government's position as two rival factions - one Euro-sceptic and one pro-European joined battle to try to influence government think-ing on the White Paper.

The group of eight former whipless Euro-rebels appeared yesterday to retreat from their previous outright opposition to a single currency, but called for a referendum. In their paper, An Agenda for the IGC, they say that a Tory government should take Britain into a single currency only in the event of a two-thirds majority vote in a referendum.

The rebels also said that they would not support John

Major unless the party promised to withdraw from the common fisheries policy and to establish an exclusion zone around Britain's coastline.

The group's consultation paper calls on the Prime Minister to veto any extension of qualified majority voting, to saleguard Britain's immigration barriers, to reform the common agriculture policy. and to stop any move towards a common European defence and loreign affairs policy.

Their demands were dismissed as "romantic nostalgia" by the cross-party European Movement, which published its own document. Europe 2000. Edwina Currie. the group's vice-chairman, said that the Euro-sceptics came from "another planet

... from Walter Mitty land". She added: "The sceptics" ideas are based on the view that Britain is a top dog nation and can tell the rest of the world what to do. That was true when I was a child but in the 1990s we are a competitor nation, a nation among other

equal nations." The European Movement had put forward positive and realistic proposals for reform at the IGC, she said. "We are not revolutionaries but passand its role in Europe."

The European movement, chaired by the Labour MP Giles Radice, called for a limited extension of qualified majority voting to cover panresearch pro-European

grammes, environmental measures and funds for poorer regions. It also called for a more effective EU foreign policy by allowing states to cooperate in joint actions. Mr Radice said: "There is a danger that the Government's

position will be all symbol and no substance — policy which will play well with Euro-sceptics but lets Britain down in Turin. As a result Britain will be isolated, irrelevant and unable to pursue out national interests. Mr Rifkind gave little sign

of being influenced by either group as he gave evidence to European Legislation Select Committee. He suggested that ministers are unlikely to force a high-profile dispute in Turin over retaining the right of veto, and rejected calls for Britain to use European fisheries policy in making a stand against qualified majority voting.

He also dismissed demands from the leading Euro-sceptic Bill Cash for the Government to make clear its position on a single currency and to use the conference to renegotiate proposals for monetary union. "I don't think there is anything to be gained out of dealing with



Labour calls up Corporal Jones

POLITICAL REPORTER

DON'T PANIC! It's only Corporal Jones, the dithering NCO in Dad's Army, urging British voters abroad to back

In a move that would have sent Captain Mainwaring puce with rage. Corporal Jones, alias the actor Clive Dunn, asked for permission to speak yesterday at the launch of Labour's campaign to secure the expatriate vote at the general election. Labour aims to emulate the Tory practice of squeezing in a few extra votes by explaining to Britons abroad how they can register and take part in elections back home.

Mr Dunn, 76, retired with his wife to the Algarve eight years ago after becoming disillusioned with Tory rule. "I am a

away from Mrs Thatcher — we used to call her Vera Lynn with A Levels." Although a lifelong Labour supporter.

he joined the party only last year after overcoming a fear of political organ-isations prompted by a four-year stretch in a Nazi PoW camp. "I didn't want to join anything, not even the Boy Scouts," he said. He promised to return to Britain

if Labour won the election.
Would Corporal Jones have voted Labour? "That is a very difficult question," he said. "But I am certain Captain Mainwaring would have

Labour MPs are being given information packs to distribute to supporters' groups while on party or personal trips abroad. Expatriates who have lived in Britain within the past 20 years can.

vote for them by proxy. Direct postal votes from overseas are forbidden.
In 1992 however, only 34,000 of the two million eligible expatriates registered and even fewer actually voted. Of those, an estimated 70 per cent voted Tory and 20 per cent Labour. John Prescott, the deputy Labour

leader, said that winning the battle for overseas voters helped to keep the Tories in power in 1992. "Labour is not going to allow that to happen again." Whether British expatriates respond to

the Labour campaign remains to be seen. In the words of Corporal Jones: "They might not like it up 'em".

Michael Trend, deputy Tory party chairman, said: "Who do you think you

are kidding Mr Dunn? It is Labour who

Howard seeks to ease jail pressure

By RICHARD FORD

MICHAEL HOWARD took steps yesterday to prevent thousands of fine defaulters from being sent to jail.

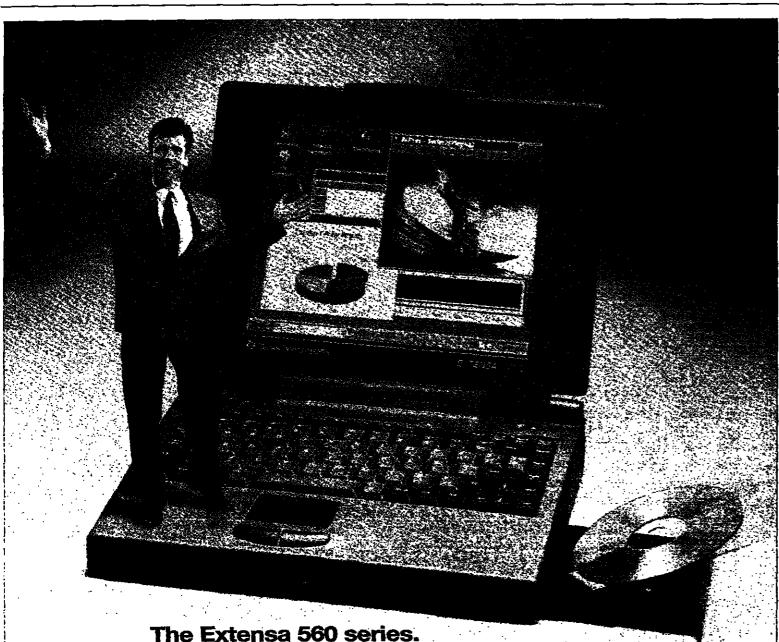
The Home Secretary has ordered a review of court powers to deal with fine defaulters after growing concern about pressure on the prison system.

Too many fine defaulters are committed to prison," he told the annual Prison Service conference in Brighton. Up to 500 people were serving senfines at any one time and they were an "unwelcome burden on hard-pressed local prisons". He was also unhappy that

having been sentenced to imonger had to pay their fines. The fine is expunged, thereby frustrating the court's intention that the prisoner should pay something back to the community," he said

Mr Howard and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, have set up a working party to produce new guidance for the courts to ensure that the payment of fines is enforced without resorting to imprisonment save in the most exceptional circumstances".

Home Office research to be published later this year will show that on average each person jailed for non-payment has defaulted on three fines



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Field's scheme is worthy but what will it cost?

those unusual politi-cians who is almost above party. He has a quasisaintly status as a man prepared to speak his mind regardless of party con-straints. This has at times undermined his influence within Labour, though less so under Tony Blair. A rightly Social Security Select Committee and an original, and proliic, thinker on welfare issues, Mr Field is admired as much, and often more, by Tory politicians as by Labour MPs. Baroness Thatcher enjoyed talking with, as well as to,

But his willingness to step outside conventional Labour thinking is not quite what it seems. He has many fresh ideas on welfare dependency. But, at heart, he is still committed to a redistributive system. He may engage in friendly debate with Peter Lilley. But their approaches are wholly different

The starting points are simi-lar since Mr Field is worried not just about the ever-rising costs of dependency but also about the moral implications. The case for the prosecution is strong, as Mr Field underlined last night in his Attlee iecture. The "uncontrollable" welfare budget would threaten any Labour government's at-tempt to shift priorities on. say, education and health. He argues that "far from having a clear beneficial impact, the fastest growing part of the welfare budget is insidiously

undermining the moral fabric of our society". This analysis is implicit in the welfare-towork proposals of Gordon Brown. It is all very well to argue, as

interest of individuals needs to be made to promote the common good. That leads him to argue for a return to a national insurance based system in which people make contributions and have rights, what Mr Field called stakeholding long before the term became fashionable.

The problem, as always, is those whose income is too low to contribute and therefore to build up rights. Mr Field's solution is to have the State, that is the taxpayer, make up contributions for those on low and irregular incomes. They would therefore become full participants in his proposed universal, and compulsory, funded pension (to run alongside the state pension) and in a new national insurance system. This would link with a radical restructuring of income support into a form of

career planning.
The idea of a national pension board, akin to the Singapore scheme, has attracted most attention because of worries over central direction that Chris Smith has been very wary of a compulsory, centralised scheme following

scheme for all would require substantial government subsidies to finance the contributions of the poor up to an earnings-related level. This would have to be paid for by higher taxes or by some adjustment in the tax treatment

Similarly, Mr Field wants to break through the means test stalemate for the unemployed by reducing the current withdrawal of benefits, and hence big disincentives, for those entering work. This is a laudable aim; both economically and morally. But making up contributions to ensure that people are part of the national insurance system, even just to finance flat-rate benefits, would also require sizeable taxpayer support.

here are many attrac-tions in Mr Field's desire to move to a system in which individuals have rights and own their assets, linking mutual aid and the private sector. That may be more politically acceptable. But, as he admits, total welfare expenditure would increase. In part, this would not go directly through the Exchequer, but through boards running these funded schemes. Nonetheless, a sizeable taxpayer subsidy would still be required. Mr Field needs to spell out the costs of his

PETER RIDDELL

support. Yesterday Don Touhig, Labour MP for

Islwyn and the Bill's sponsor,

was backed by the Tory MPs Edwina Currie, Iain Duncan-

Smith and Richard Shepherd.

give the Bill their full support

and it will founder without

sufficient parliamentary time.

Mr Touhig said: "Employ-ers are entitled to loyalty and

confidentiality in normal cir-

is serious malpractice, it is

vital that people know that the law will protect them if they

act responsibly,"

Bid to protect whistleblowers

By JAMES LANDALE whistleblowers from being

sacked, denied promotion or

discriminated against if they

reveal malpractice in the pub

lic interest. However, that

protection is only available if they first raised the matter

privately with their employers

be able to obtain an injunc-

tion to prevent threats of

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and were ignored.

EMPLOYEES who blow the whistle on crime or malpractice at work will get legal protection against reprisals if a Bill published yesterday

The Public Interest Disclosure Bill aims to end what MPs call the "culture of fear" among workers who are afraid to reveal wrongdoing. Many so-called whistleblowers in the public and private sector have been sacked or denied promotion.

The new Bill. which is set to receive its second reading on March I, would protect

priate, claim compensation through the courts for loss of IN PARLIAMENT

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German rejection of national service echoed in Europe

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German Army is in trouble. Many young Germans are rejecting military service — 161,000 registered as conscientious objectors last year - at a time when Germany is trying to project itself as a military force in the

The figure for conscientious objectors — half the normal intake of recruits — has prompted a debate about the purpose and future of national service in Germany.

even Switzerland — govern-ments and defence planners are considering whether to scrap conscription. If they do. it will spell the end of a tradition that resumed in modern times with the French revolutionary armies of 1792. Some trace conscription's origins to the democracy of ancient Athens,

French plans for a fully professional army have so unsemled the Germans than the subject took up a significant part of the talks this week hetween Alain Juppe, the war have forced the rethink in French Prime Minister, and Europe. The Netherlands has Helmut Kohl, the German taken the first step by an-

Chancellor. For Germany, there are two critical issues. The first is that if some states have purely professional ar-mies while others have a mixture of conscript and regu-lar soldiers, it will be difficult to construct a common Euro-The different levels of exper-

tise and expectations will make units such as the Franco-German Brigade and the multinational Eurocorps even more of a muddle. As recently Across Europe in France, as the Franco-German summy.

The Netherlands, Austria and it of last December, Herr Kohl. was still thinking in terms of conscription: he proposed that German conscript soldiers. serve in the French Army.

Now even President Herzog has declared that military service is not a generally valid. eternally appropriate visited ple". For Germans of the middle and older generations this came as a shock since. 1958 military service has been part of the democratic school-

ing of Germany.

Shrinking defence builders and the changing nature of war have forced the rethink in

nomicing that no new con-scripts will be called up. All conscripts should be released to civilian life by August 30, In. Austria Caspar Einem, the Interior Minister, urged an overhaul, saying that it was enough for Austrian borders to be defended by "a form of police with somewhat heavier equipment. The Swiss are wondering whether their miliig is the appropriate way into the 21st century. The Austrian minister's

comments led to protests from the officer corps and from other parties. The German debate looks set in be equally bumpy. The military preference in Bonn is to boost the value of national service rather than cut it. Conscientious objectors are meant to serve their time working in hospitals and old people's homes.

The constitution says they

have to be treated equally with conscript soldiers. In practice they are better off: most weekends are free, they can wear what they want, live at home and (since soldiers have their food and rent deducted) have more cash in hand. The rush to apply to be a conscientious objector is only parily prompted by moral scruples: for the most part, it appears to be a question of comfort.

The political resistance to creating a fully professional German army has been shaped by the period leading up to the war. Professional soldiers, it is claimed, inevitably need a closed professional officer corps which could be against the political

Military service has been regarded as part of democratic culture since the days of the Prussian reformers: the right to the vote was intrinsically linked with the duty to fight. When Prussia beat France 125 years ago, Gustav Freytag, the German writer, concluded that French morale had been sapped by the corrupt implementation of national service: richer Frenchmen could pay others to do their military duty

Freytag claimed that fairly applied, conscription made countries less aggressive. The German leader also appears to be convinced that conscription still has a function.



Gerard Leban, president of the jury to find the best French bagnette, examines a leading contender in Paris yesterday. Ninety-nine bakers are competing for the

Paris fêtes the breadwinner

Bagnette (Susan Bell writes). The winner will have the honour of supplying President Chirac with his daily areas. Parisians now eat

bread for one year. Bread consumption in France is

only 160 grams of bread a day, compared with 900 grams 100 years ago. This still adds up to an impressive 1.3 million baguettes a day. M Chirac eats one and a half baguettes every day.

France aims to halve number of troops

From Ben Macintyre in paris

THE French Defence Ministry reportedly has drawn up plans to cut troops by almost half in a drastic overhaul of

the armed forces.

The plan, which will be presented to President Chirac next week, would reduce the army from 240,000 troops to 130,000, scale down regiments from 186 to 83 and close at least 150 gartisons, Le Monde newspaper reported yester-day. The cuts would have a profound effect on Eurocorps. the European defence force created by the late President Mitterrand and Helmat Kohl. the German Chancellor. in 1992. One division reportedly facing the axe is the 21.000han First Armoured Divi- budget aimed at reducing sion, the central component in spending of Fri00 billion (£13 the French contribution to billion) a year by at least a

The 14-regiment division. now stationed in Germany, would be brought back to France and then phased out The 50,000-strong Eurocorps, made up of troops from France Germany, Spain, Bel-gium and Luxembourg would be available to Nato if

The plan to withdraw the First Armoured Division is unlikely to play well with France's partners in Euro-corps, who have yet to be informed of the proposals. M. Charac is expected to unveil his radical plans for the French armed forces in March when the Defence Ministry will present a new

Welcome for West's snoopers FROM MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, IN SAVOSTLEYKA, RUSSIA

TWO hundred miles east of Moscow, in temperatures that make the wolves and elks howl and bellow at night, an elite Russian Su27 combat fighter squadron is facing a unique challenge.

For the first time, the airmen of the 54th Fighter Aviation Regiment (air defence), hidden in the deep forests of the Nizhny Novgorod region, called Gorky before perestroika, have had to open their hangars to official Western snoopers, a British arms control inspection team who have arrived without warning.

Yesterday Major-General Gennadi Mukhamedyarov, the base commander, himself an Su27 Flanker pilot, welcomed his British visitors from RAF Scampton, Lincolnshire, and led them past an avenue of silver birch trees covered in snow to a line-up of 34 Flankers sitting in the sunshine, each stamped with a George and Dragon, a symbol of the base.

The sun had only managed to raise the temperature from - 22C(-5F) to -14C (6.8F). As the Russian general looked on, British officers and NCOs who looked underdressed compared with their Russian counterparts in huge fur-lined combat jackets and matchine hats, counted the Flankers and peered into the bowels of the aircraft to make a note of the serial numbers, James Bond never had it so good.

The authorised 007 in this case was a woman. Major Margaret Roberts, 35, of the Intelligence Corps, second-incommand of the team of eight Britons, one Norwegian and at this once top-secret base on Monday night to fulfil the latest phase of the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty

(CFE), signed in 1990. Under CFE data exchanges between Russia and the West, the Savostleyka base was supposed to have 37 Flankers. There turned out to be 38, four in hangars. The extra one had arrived recently from the factory. Under the treaty, the signatories only have to report increases of 10 per cent or more, so the addition was just

Russian pilots come here to convert to the Su27 Flanker, one of two aircraft — the other being the MiG29 Fulcrum which have forced Britain and her Nato partners to develop even more sophisticated fighters to be able to compete. China has just signed a deal with Russia to manufacture

noted down

CFE inspections are a serious business, but there is also a degree of comedy. To the veteran inspectors who have my heart."

been travelling round Russia and the former Soviet republics, CFE also stands for "Charter For Eating" or "Continuous Food Eating". Under the treaty, the host country receiving an inspection has to guarantee to provide three meals a day. The serious and the comic

combine to build friendships with the Russians. Gone are the stiffness and formality of the bad old days. Once the work is done by the inspecting team, the generals, colonels and sergeants relax. General Mukhamedyarov.

45, who has been to the American Ellmensdorf air hase in Alaska and has flown an FI5, spoke without nostalgia of the Cold War days. He id: "Now I wish the British people health, wealth and happiness. But this is not an official point of view, it is from

Murders of Italian women

America rules out manhunt for Serbs

By MICHAEL BINYON AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

RICHARD HOLBROOKE, the American negotiator in Bosnia, arrived in London yesterday for talks after Washington had approved the transfer to The Hague of two senior Serb officers arrested by the Bosnian Government. He said the action underlined American insistence on bringing to justice those guilty of war crimes.

Before Mr Holbrooke left Bosnia, William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, announced a tactical change in the hunt for war criminals. He said that Nato troops would be given photographs of suspects to make it easier for them to be detained at checkpoints. But he said the peacekeepers would not conduct manhunts

for the suspects.

Over lunch today with Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Holbrooke will review his tour of Balkan capitals, undertaken to rescue the Dayton accords from collapse over the arrest of the suspected war criminals.

Mr Rifkind will have talks in Sarajevo next week during a three-day tour of the Balkans, including Albania and Greece. He will emphasise the importance of the civilian provisions in the Dayton deal. especially the timetable leading to elections by the end of December.

Nato's delivery of the two Bosnian Serb military officers to the war crimes tribunal in The Hague has been criticised by Russia.

The move also prompted the Bosnian Serb delegation to boycott talks in Vienna aimed at disarmament in the former Yugoslavia.

In the Serbian capital, Belgrade, Vojislav Seselj, the Serbian ultra-nationalist leader and former ally of Slobodan Milosevic, was reported to have applied for a Dutch visa in hopes of testifying against the Serbian President at the war crimes tribunal.

Mr Seselj, who heads the Serbian Radical Party, was quoted as saying that if he got the visa, he would visit The Hague, but that he expected "concrete benefit" from giving voluntary testimony. His paramilitary troops fought in Bosnia when he was allied with Mr Milosevic.

Dutch Embassy officials last night refused to confirm

Lost Gothic angel is home after 20 years

BY BEN MACINTYRE:

of two beautiful 13th-century de-Calais region, where they wooden statues that were sto- remained until 1976 when len from a tiny church in robbers stole them. northern France, has been returned after 20 years.

The "smiling statue" is one of the finest surviving examples of Gothic carving and its return marks the latest chapter in a saga involving French revolutionaries, a Belgian smuggler, a British collector, and now, in all probability, the European Court.

The statue was one of seven angels carved between 1265 and 1270 for Arras cathedral. Arras was the birthplace of Robespierre, the revolutionary leader. In 1789, with France cripped by lawlessness, the statues were removed to keep them safe from looters.

At least that was the theory. but by the beginning of this century the statues had been dispersed: Two are in an Arras museum, another is in the Louvre and two more found their way to New York.

The last two angels ended up in the church of the little

THE Angel of Humbert, one, town of Humbert in the Pas-

In April 1994, René van den Berghe, a notorious but latterly repentant international art trafficker better known as "Eric the Belgian", declared that he had discovered and restored one of the missing angels. It transpired that he represented a British art connoisseur living in Gibraltar, Denis Jimenez, who had purchased the statue in good faith from a Portuguese art dealer.

Mr Jimenez, not wanting stolen goods on his hands, began the process of returning the statue to France via Spain. It is now being held by Paris police while experts appraise and value it. But the angel's tale may not be over yet. Mr Jimenez's widow may file a suit, claiming it was acquired

Six of the angels of Arras are back in France, but the seventh, also stolen from Hum-bert church, remains on the wing in parts unknown.



The Angel of Humbert, left, is back in France

Bundesbank hints at euro delay

By GEORGE BROCK

THE head of Germany's Bundesbank joined a grow-ing-chorus of hints that Europe's single currency might have to be delayed by publicly conceding for the first time yesterday that the timetable might have to be changed.

Hans Tietmeyer, the Bund-esbank President, told industrialists in Frankfurt that delay would be preferable to any relaxation of the strict rules that will determine which EU states can join the

"The currency union, once allowed to derail. If necessary, a delay is less problematic." he said.

The Bundesbank's opinion on whether workable monetary union can be created on schedule in 1999 is an important influence on German public opinion. M Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, was forced to acknowledged in Bonn this week that monetary union might have to be postponed.

seen as price for liberation FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME ITALIANS were shocked this Men, Dr Morelli said, have because women's liberation

week by a spate of murders in which the victims were women. The crimes have led sociologists to speculate that the growing independence of women may be provoking a backlash in a minority of violent men. In several cases the women were stabbed repeatedly.

in a map captioned "Italy stained with blood", Messaggero summarised eight recent murders of women, which were also featured on nightly television

Police point out that the motives in each case were different: a love affair gone wrong, attempted robbery. drugs or a possible argument over money and debt. However, italians are won-

dering whether Italy is becom-

ing a more violent society, with women as easy targets. Raffaele Morelli, a psychiatrist, says the murders are "the price Italian women are paying for women's liberation".

not yet accepted the fact that women are taking more control of their lives.

A police unit for the analysis of violent crimes is examining the incidents, staffed by lawyers, psychologists and doctors as well as police. Its head, Salvatore Montanaro, said: "Today Italy is an industrialised, technological. multiracial society in which violence is more and more accessible, as in America." He suggested Italy may have a serial killer at work.

The preoccupation with the murders comes a few days after women MPs forced through a Bill overturning a Mussolini-era law which had defined rape as a crime against public morality". The law, still to be passed by the Senate, makes rape a crime against the person and increases penalties for sex crimes.

The feminists dismiss the argument that crimes against women are on the increase

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has gone too far in a country used to Latin traditions of male dominance and pride. "We are building a new culture of respect for women's bodies," said Daniela Monteforte, a women's rights campaigner.

Women's groups say crimes against women are not new. and much rape within the home has gone unreported for years. The focus on attacks on women and girls has also led to the setting up of a much-used hotline for frightened or oppressed women, called Telefono Rosa, which from modest beginnings has be-come a powerful campaign centre for women's rights. ☐ Florence: A court of appeal cleared Pietro Pacciani, 70, a farm labourer, of 14 sexual serial killings attributed to a murderer dubbed "The Mon-

ster of Florence". He had been convicted of the seven double murders in November 1994. but repeatedly protested his innocence. (Reuter)

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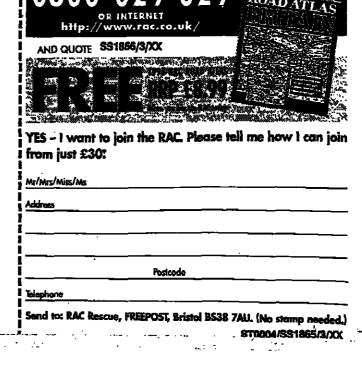
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Senator hails narrow win in state he claimed as his own but still looks a likely November loser

Dole's hollow Iowa victory exposes front-runner's flaws

FROM TOM RHODES IN DES MOINES

THE first heat in the prolonged race for the White House left Robert Dole, the Kansas senator, all but crippled yesterday as he limped away from the lowa caucuses as the most hollow victor in a state that he had always claimed as his own.

After a six-month campaign in the Midwestern heartlands. in farms, churches and cities throughout Iowa, Mr Dole gained just 20 per cent of the vote. He was only three points ahead of Pat Buchanan, the conservative commentator whose artful campaign and populist message produced a

Lamar Alexander, the former Governor of Tennessee, came third with 18 per cent after peddling a positive campaign to combat a blizzard of negative advertising that had produced a turnout of fewer ihan 110,000.

Their backlash against the more than \$4 million (\$2.6 million) with which Steve Forbes had saturated the radio and television airwaves in the Hawkeye state managed to leave the multimillionaire publisher in fourth place. with 10 per cent of the vote. Phil Gramm, the Texas sena-



Dole: struggling to

tor, was deemed dead in the water after insisting he would come third but managing only

date, and Mr Alexander, who

is fast assuming the role of Washington outsider. Mr

Dole, 72, faces a protracted

fallen well below the 37 per

cent with which he won lowa in 1988 and short of the 30 per

cent that aides had said pri-

vately he needed to achieve

primary next week. In effect, nearly three-quarters of lo-wa's rank-and-file Republi-cans would prefer to see

A victory speech in Des Moines had emphasised Mr

Dole's age and an increasing fear among party officials that he is incapable of beating President Clinton in Novem-

ber. The senator stood at the

cameras and his withered

right hand clasped firmly to one side. "Thank you, Iowa, that's twice in a row," said Mr

Dole in a tone which suggest-

ed relief more than confidence.

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fifth place on 9 per cent. The real story of lowa lay native of the neighbouring state of Kansas, he had always been considered the man best placed to secure the rural vote

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in Iowa and to proceed with a sedate campaign for the presidential nomination later this year. Instead, the senator flew to the New Hampshire primary yesterday as the weakest winner in the caucuses' 24year-history and the uncomfortable front-runner of a divided Republican Party.

Challenged by both Mr Buchanan, now considered



Forbes: spent millions on broadcast campaign

Lamar Alexander, accompanied by his wife, Honey, is hugged by a supporter after giving a triumphant speech at a rally in Des Moines.

Alexander, the old campaigner, has his day

LAMAR ALEXANDER wasttop ... Tonight was the first ed no time in capitalising on his surprisingly strong third place in lowa's caucuses. He thanked his supporters at a jubilant Des Moines rafly. tism had found only mild support in Iowa. There were sped to his waiting plane, and was stumping before dawn in New Hampshire.

signs that many under 65 laced little importance on Mr Dole's heroic Second World It was an exceptionally War record and consider his sweet moment for the former length of service on Capitol Hill to be a liability. "The Republican Party respects Tennessee Governor who has campaigned in almost complete obscurity for two years Dole, but they don't think he is - longer than any other the man to lead them into the candidate. In all that time he next century," said Fred never made double figures in the polls and was gently

Barnes, a columnist. As in 1988, the Christian mocked by the media. Right had played a key role in the Iowa caucuses and turned suddenly discovered," he balanced budget towards a fervent call for a new morality would patiently tell sceptics. Now that day has come. in America. At least a third of

Mr Alexander is a distant those who voted on Monday fourth in most New Hampbelonged to the growing evanshire polls, but now has the

Success for Lamar Alexander comes after two years of vainly seeking recognition, writes Martin Fletcher in Washington

upset in next Tuesday's pri-Republicans will have to give the bright personable 55-year-old a second look following his Iowa performance and, given Robert Dole's weakness, may well find

themselves attracted. Mr Alexander is a moderate conservative like Mr Dole, but has a boundless energy pleasant and unthreatening whereas Pat Ruchanan: the right-wing broadcaster who

his ABC - Alexander Beats also emerged triumphant from Iowa's winnowing pro-cess, bludgeons and divides.

Hampshire, walking miles across the state last autumn. He has the lowest "negatives" of any candidate, having spurned his rivals' mudslinging. He is well placed to win over Steve Forbes's more socially liberal followers if the publisher's. collapse continues, but his strongest suit is what he calls

requisite spadework in New

Republican with the vision, dynamism and appeal to centrist voters to defeat the Democratic President another former Southern

the 16 per cent of Monday night's voters who named Mr Clinton's removal as their top priority, 46 per cent backed Mr Alexander and 33 per cent Mr Dole

Mr Alexander was brought up in Tennessee, trained as a lawyer, and worked briefly in the Nixon White House and as a Senate aide. He was elected Governor in 1978, after walking 1,000 miles across the state, served two successful terms, and then became president of the University of Ten-

After two years as President Bush's Education Secretary, he took his wife and four children to Australia for a sixrunning his "stealth" cam-paign for President eyer since. spending more than 80 days in lowa alone.

To complete his armoury,

plays Alexander's Ragtime Band at rallies. But he also has some obvious weakness es. He is short of cash, though spending power did nothing for Mr Forbes or the Texas

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ington "outsider" who would devolve power wholesale not just to the states but also to communities, but has in fact done three separate stints in the capital. He claims that he stayed "long enough to be

He presents himself as a man of the people, wearing a trademark red-and-black flannel shirt at every opportumillionaire whose political status opened doors to some lucrative deals. The way things are going. Clinton cam-

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Evangelical army on the march'

Buchanan goes from strength to strength

BY TOM RHODES

THE air was thick with debate at the home of Danny Bolt in suburban Des Moines as 24 defenders of lowan democracy sat in the smoke-filled drawing room to debate a future Republican presidency.

Mr Bolt, an occasional decorator and property manager. had organised the smallest of the city's caucuses at his house and was launching into a strident attack against the anti-abortion rhetoric of the Christian Right.
I think it is a single

platform which is trying to dominate the Republican Party, and I find it both revolting and disrespectful," he said. John Helvig, an estate agent, and Larry Smith, a wholefood supplier, leapt to their feet in defence of American morality, the issue that dominated the living rooms, churches and rural backwaters of lowa this year. They and eight others in the room had already voted for the candidate who best expressed a groundswell of opinion against the creeping liberalism of President Clinton, and

that was Pat Buchanan. The result of this tiny exercise in democracy placed Mr Buchanan an easy first, six votes ahead of Robert Dole, the Kansas senator. The figures were checked, then telephoned through to the convention centre in Des Moines where they played a small but significant part in securing second place for the

The United States has found it hard to credit the rise of Mr Buchanan, whose nationalist form and moral stance are consistently condemned as too radical for the mainstream Republican Party. In the space of only two weeks, however, he has won races in Alaska and Louisiana, has come an unexpected second in lowa, and is looking increasingly strong in

A straw poll in California, a state deemed unlikely to give THE REPUBLICAN ELECTION CALENDAR

A total of 1,990 delegates will be chosen in primary voting, at party meetings known as caucuses, at state conventions and by party officials. The winning candidate will need 998 delegates—one more than half—to become the Republicans' White House nominee for the presidential election on November 5.

These are the key states on the Republican campaign calendar followed by state, (c) for caucul (b) for primary, (con) for state convention and number of delegates,

Vircinia's caucuses are in Siribo over a court case. The state has 53 Republi for calictuses in Hawaii (14 delegates), American Samoa (4 delegates), and the US Virgin Islands (4).

large corporations and free second behind Mr Dole, the beleaguered Republican frontrunner for the presidential nomination. Commentators who had said Mr Buchanan would fade, as he did after crippling George Bush in the 1992 New Hampshire primary, are beginning to sit up and

take notice. Charismatic, literate and charming to all who meet him, Mr Buchanan is riding a rollercoaster of success and exploiting the lacklustre qualities of his rivals. He talks of economic treachery in the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, of rural firms closing and of the moral decline of America. And the less privi-

leged appland him for it.

At meetings throughout lowa last week, he received standing ovations from small businessmen, members of the Christian coalition and even from certain farmers undeterred by his wish to curb imports to the state.

in stark contrast to Mr Dole's victory party, the Buchanan fiests at the Holiday Inn in Des Moines was packed with chanting and screaming supporters, a rally of momentum rather than a wake for lost opportunity.

The test will come next week in New Hampshire, where Mr Buchanan's economic nationalism may play less well and where the evangelical army of the Right is weaker. Its influence is felt in other states, however, and it will be impossible for any candidate to ignore the message it has sent



Buchanan charismatic and armed with charm



Zaire troops fail to make Rwandans return home

By Sam Kiley, africa correspondent

HUNDREDS of Zairean launching attacks against the troops blockaded the largest Hutu refugee camp in Goma yesterday at the start of a campaign to drive the inmates back to neighbouring Rwanda

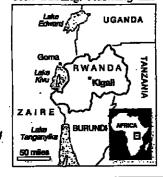
The soldiers, a mixture of commandos and armed gen-darmerie, prevented any of the 190,000 Hutus from leaving Kibumba camp, and set up roadblocks which allowed only essential supplies of aid to pass into the teeming

Other troops employed as a camp police force by the UN Commissioner for Refugees for the last six months were patrolling the shanty avenues of Kibumba, asking Hutus to return home.

The situation is very tense, but calm so far. The Zaireans have given assurances that they will not enter the camp to force people home. Hutus are just standing around in groups staring at the soldiers." said Allison Campbell, a spokeswoman for Care, one of many agencies which are preparing relief supplies in case the Hutus cross into Rwanda

Kibumba and other camps in Zaire and Tanzania have become cities in the past year and a half. The Hutus have built guesthouses, bars and schools and started businesses. Their host countries have agreed with the UN refugee agency that the camps should be closed before they become permanent settlements.

The camps have also been hotheds of Hutu extremism, where militiamen responsible for the genocide of a million of their Tutsi countrymen and Hutu moderates in 1994 have been training, rearming and



Tutsi regime in Rwanda. Tutsi residents of Zaire, themselves victims of Hutu onslaughts dating back to 1959, have also been targeted by Hutus in

their villages in Zaire. Rwanda is just four kilometres away from the camp. The UNHCR and the Zairean authorities have set up a crossing-point for them and sent in trucks to transport them. But not a soul has opted to go home yet." Miss Camp-

Rwanda's Tutsi-dominated Government, which came to power after defeating the Hutu army, whose energies went largely on slaughtering civilians, has imprisoned 63,000 people suspected of taking part in the genocide in overcrowded jails. Few Hutus living in Zaire dare to return to Rwanda for fear of facing a similar fate.

"The aim of the Zairean authorities appears to be to make life in the camps so unpleasant and boring that the Hutus will want to return to Rwanda. But this is unlikely to succeed. Using force might, but it is more likely to end in bloody chaos," said a Western aid worker in Goma, the once sleepy town beside Lake Kivu which is now dominated by the vast refugee camps lying

near by.
One frightened refugee said: We have not been told what is happening; it all depends on the will of the Zaireans. I do not want to go back to Rwan-

The relatively small Zairean contingent deployed so far could be reinforced from the local barracks where 1,500 men are stationed, and by air from the capital, Kinshasa, where the better-equipped Special Presidential Division

The number of soldiers taking part in yesterday's operation encouraged aid workers. who said that a larger number was likely to have become unruly and aggressive. "It is a relief they are outnumbered. A bigger number would indicate that the Zaireans were preparing to use force," a senior UN source in Goma said.



Massimo Troisi, left, who died soon after the completion of filming, with Philippe Noiret and Maria Grazia Cucinotta in The Postman

British director tops Oscar nominations

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent, and Giles Whittell in los angeles

THE British director Michael Radford's The Postman, the story of an unlikely friendship between a postman and a poet in 1950s Italy, swept the boards at the Oscar nominations yesterday. The star, who was nominated for Best Actor, saw nothing of the film. Massimo Troisi died 12 hours after filming ended. The film, in Italian with

Italian stars, was singled out for Best Actor, Best Film, Best Director, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Music. Radford recalled yesterday that Troisi's last words to him were: "I'm sorry I couldn't give

you my best. In the next five pictures we do together, you'll see the real me." The director said: "I just wept. He looked like a ghost." Other nominees, in a lean

> strong one for foreigners, were the British actors Emma Thompson and Sir Anthony Hopkins, and a talking Australian pig.
> Nominated for both Best Actress and screenplay for Sense and Sensibility, Ms

British contenders include Kate Winslet as Best Support-ing Actress (Sense and Sensibility), Tim Roth as Best Supporting Actor (Rob Roy). and Mike Figgis as Best Director (Leaving Las Vegas). Sir Anthony's Best Actor nomination for Nixon was his third in five years.

No clear favourite emerged for Best Film, leaving room for two esoteric nominees: Babe, the surreal story of a pig which finds a calling as a

year for American films but a

Thompson becomes a favourite for at least one Academy

Award on March 25. Other

sheepdog, and The Postman. Radiord's moving fable is the first foreign-language film to be nominated in the top category in more than 20 years. The other Best Actor nomi-

nations went to Nicolas Cage, as the suicidal drunk in Leaving Las Vegas, Sean Penn. who spends most of Dead Man Walking on death row, and Richard Dreyfuss, enjoying a comeback at the box office as a music teacher in Mr Holland's Opus.



Shepherd and would-be sheepdog in Babe



In the Best Actress category,

Ms Thompson faces tough competition from Susan

Sarandon (Dead Man Walk-

ing) and Elisabeth Shue (Leav-

ing Las Vegas). Sharon Stone

and Meryl Streep were also

Two other British nomina-

tions were A Close Shave, for

Best Animated Short, by the

Bristol-based master of ani-

mated clay, Nick Park, and

Anne Frank Remembered, for

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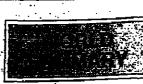
Thompson: nominated in two categories

Park has already won two Oscars and the number of nominations for A Close Shave matches that of Waterworld, the most expensive movie ever made. The Kevin Costner epic was nomi-

nated for its sound. Refreshingly, the 5,043 Hol-lywood insiders who rote on the Oscars steered clear of bland, expensively promoted fare. The Bridges of Madison-County and The American President won only two nominations between them. Voters also surprised critics who have raved over the deeply. depressing Leaving Las Vegas by denying it a Best Film nomination.

Two action-packed blockbusters - Apollo 13 and Mei-Gibson's Braveheart — are in the running for Best Film and a brace of supporting awards? winning nine and ten nominations in all respectively. But for the first time in three years. Tom Hanks, the star of Apollo 13. was left out of the Best Actor stakes.

Woody Allen won his twelfth screenplay nomination for Mighty Aphrodite, bringhim level with Billy Wilder's record.



Fears for life of boy Lama

Hong Kong: The Dalai Lama fears that the six-year-old boy he had picked to be the next Panchen Lama may have been executed by the Chinese (Jona-than Mirsky writes). Peking has installed its own "soul boy as the second highest religious figure in Tibet. Neither the Dalai Lama's

choice, whom he describes as "the youngest political prison-er in the world", nor his family have been since last July. Yesterday Tenzin Gyeshe, his private secretary, said from their exile home in Dharamsala India, that the Dalai Lama feared the boy, identified as the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, may have been "killed, drugged or put in some sort of asylum where he will be rendered useless".

Kim's ex-wife set to defect

The former wife of Kim Jong Il, the North Korean leader. her sister and niece are believed to be in hiding in Europe preparatory to defect-ing to Seoul (David Watts writes). Sung Hye Lim, who is on the run from a Geneva apartment, is known to have given birth to Kim's eldest son, Kim' Jung-Nam, now 26. Her defection would be a propa-ganda coup for the leaders of South Korea.

EU urges end to Rushdie fatwa

London: The European Union marked the seventh anniversary of the publication of Ayatollah Khomeini's fatwa against Salman Rushdie by urging Iran to annul the call-for his death and abide by international law (Michael Binyon writes). The death pronouncement was made in response to Rushdie's novel The Satanic Verses.

China rules out Olympic boycott

Hong Kong China will participate in next summer's Olympic Games in Atlanta even if Taiwanese leaders attend (Jonathan Mirsky writes). The decision was conformed in Peking by Shen Guofang a Foreign Ministry spokesman, who repudiated earlier hints of a boycott.

Oriental lovers enjoy a chocolate orgy

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND PEREGRINE HODSON IN TOKYO

LIKE all other deeply sentimental and commercial Western holidays, Valentine's Day fever is enveloping the Far

Roses, perfume, chocolates, silk scarves and banquets featuring pink food dominate advertising while the prices of all these good things double. in Hong Kong, flowers nor-mally costing £30 at most are now demanding £75, while a smallish, possibly Italian silk scarf is £150. Restaurants, typically, promise pink food, including roast chicken.

The same degree of vigorous celebrating holds true for Christmas and Easter, which result in an orgy of present

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ers and fathers are, of course, honoured in the Confucian tradition, but this too is accompanied by wildly expensive flowers, the giving of diamond-studded watches, silver-mounted pipes, and vast

China is soaring. At Peking department stores, foreign brands offer roses and paper hearts as gifts for lovers buying chocolate. Buyers are plentiful. Chocolate consumption more than doubled to almost 22,000 tonnes in 1994 from 9,500 tonnes in 1988.

In Japan, 23 million tons of

Chocolate consumption in

chocolate worth about £300 million will be given by women to the most important men in their life - their company bosses and co-workers. A study by a Japanese chocolate manufacturer reveals that more than 80 per cent of Japanese women give chocolate to people "who help them", while only 20 per cent give chocolates to their lovers or husbands. Japanese men do not give chocolate on

Valentine's Day. As with so many things, Japan has adopted the festival of love and turned it into something peculiarly Japa-nese: a dutiful ritual of love-less present giving. The gift of giri-choco - or obligatory chocolate - is an annual chore for Japan's female workforce, enforced by peer group pres-

sure, and driven on by Japan's powerful chocolate manufacturers. More than 10 per cent of the nation's chocolate sales are made on Valentine's Day.

The size and value of a girichoco gift is rigorously deter-mined by the recipient's status. On average, chocolate for the president of a company is five times more expensive than for a colleague of equal status, while an office section chief merits only three times the value.

Hopkins: Best Actor

nomination for Nixon

The presidents of powerful companies such as Mitsubishi or Toshiba presumably receive several tons of girichoco, which raises the do they do with it?

a monster

New York: A natural historian is heading for the South Pacific in search of the sea world's most chilling, mysterious molluse: the giant squid (Quentin Letts writes).

Clyde Roper, of America's Smithsonian Institution. plans to enter a mini-subma rine and descend more than 3,000ft in the hope of finding Architeathis, the monstron squid that can grow as long as a bus, has eyes the size of a foothall, and inspired Jules Verne. A few examples of the species have been found. dead, in the nets of terrified antipodean fishermen, but no modern man who saw one alive has ever returned to tell

In search of Couple to swap 'virtual vows'

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

JOSEPH PERLING and Victoria Vaughn, both of Los Angeles, plan to celebrate Valentine's Day by getting married. They will be five miles apart, blessed by a clergyman equidistant from them both, with a best man in New York, a maid of honour in Seattle and guests on sev-

eral continents. They will be linked, in a miracle of technology and a resolute denial of romance, by computer. Weddings are not new on the expanding fron-tiers of cyberspace, but hitherto participants have usually sat side by side to type in their "virtual vows". Computerised ceremonies have often been publicity stunts by software

companies, but Mr Perling and Miss Vaughn are breaking new ground, according to the on-line service acting as their host, by having an exclusively electronic wedding and by being physically separate

Their motive seems to be pure nerdishness. The bride lives in Hollywood, the groom half-hour drive away on Venice Beach and his father. the Rev John Perling, who is due to marry them, in Beverly

The three could easily meet for the ceremony, but the fact that they have chosen not to does not mean it is being undertaken lightly, Mr Perling senior insists. This is a

lifelong union of two people blessed by God," he said. "Joseph and Victoria's vows are sacred and heartfelt even though they will take place in a virtual church." Technically the congregation will consist not of humans, or even virtual humans, but of "avatars" subscribers to the dreamscape graphical world that has organised the

In addition to modems and computers, which can access the service for \$2.95 (£1.96) an hour, guests need specific software. Joseph and Victoria solved this problem months ago. Instead of wedding invitations, they sent out floppy



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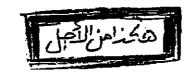
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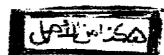
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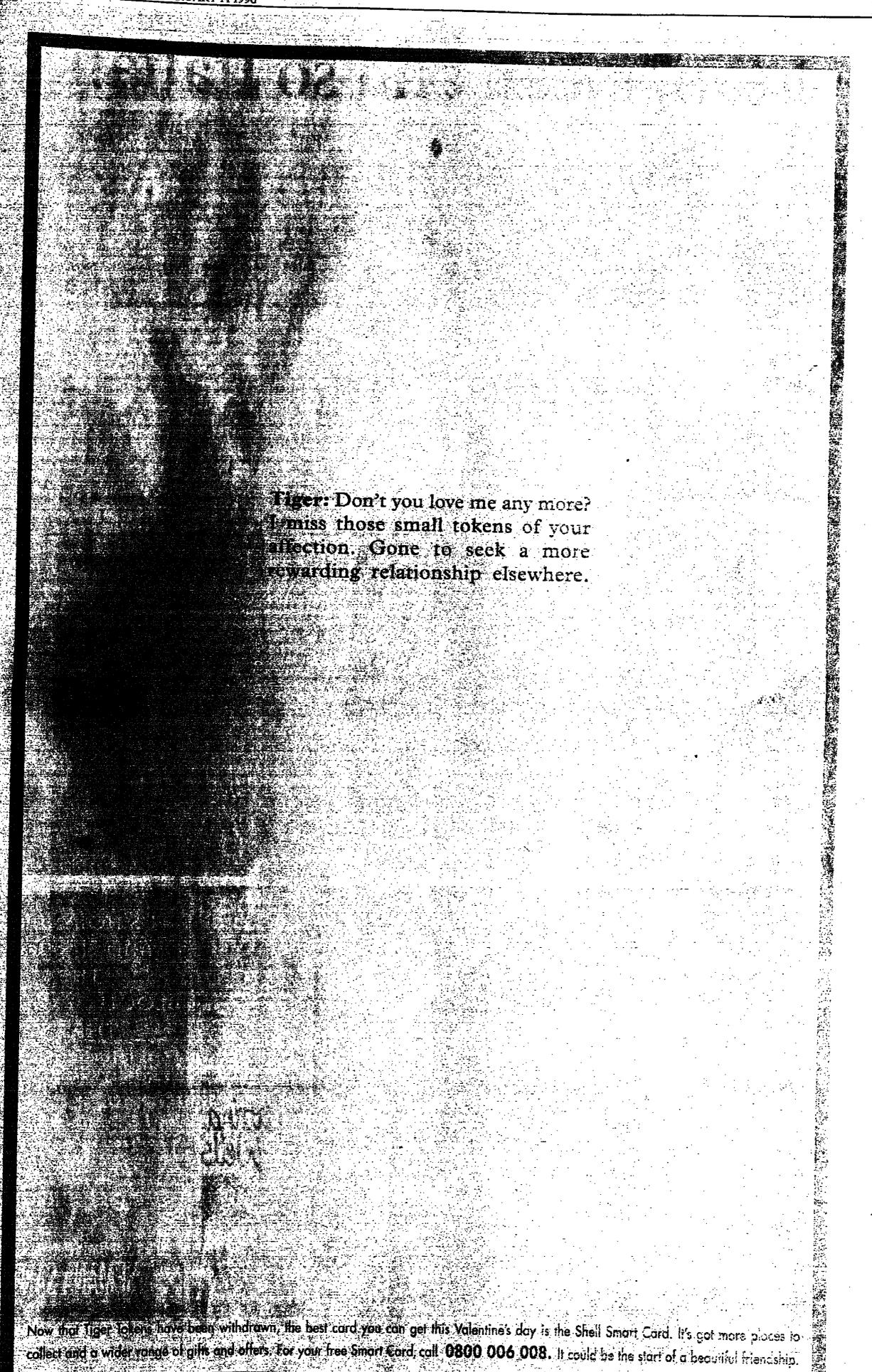
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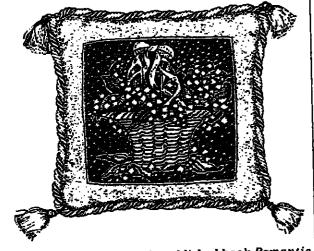








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and hips.

ITALIAN fashion is back in fashion. Around the globe the labels to flaunt are Prada and Gucci two traditional fashion houses who have revamped and repackaged themselves with high-pro-file bluster to become the current darlings

of the demi-monde. However, away from the fashion spot-light another Italian designer, Nino Cerruti, has been quietly making a few changes ever the past couple of seasons which could put his long established label. Cerruti 1881, back on everybody's lips...

The decide debonair designer, who took over the tamily textile business in 1950, added men's clothing in 1957 and a womenswear line in 1976, looks to be back. on top form v 'h his updated classics. His latest spring/summer collection, worn on this page by the model of the moment, Stella Tennant, was a tremendous success when it was unveiled on the catwalk in when it was unveiled on the carwaik in Paris. Although the designer is Italian he has always considered Paris to be the capital of Iashion. He moved his company there in 1967 and launched his fashion house at the Place de la Madeleine.

What had become a sober and some-what worthy line at the tail end of the 1980s suddenly looks fresh again. The clean-cut silhouettes and less-is-more styling, the work of new design director Narcisso Rodriguez (ex-Calvin Klein) and arts director Marc Ascoli, exactly fit fashion's current brief — what Cerruit calls fashion reduced to its simplest".

The success of such precise cuts and understated styling relies heavily on the quality of the fabrics, which is where Cerruti's background in textiles and his technical know-how give him the edge.
This season he features linens that shine like lip gloss, nylon that crackles like taffeta and super-soft leather.

Colour is also kept to a minimum: predominantly a monochrome mix of sooty black and milky white with additional touches of blue, ecru and camel.

Cerruti interprets masculine tailoring in a feminine way, but the finished result is far from manly. Feminine jackets curve into the waist and trousers feature a fluid flair. Key wardrobe building pieces are tunic tops, strapless dresses, boxy zippered jackets, tie-belt jackets and sleeveless shell tops, everything reduced right down to the hone. Cerruti and his team are getting it right for the Nineties.

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ABOVE RIGHT: Navy pinstripe wool top, £149. ABOVE CENTRE: Cream safari jacket, £425; black pants, £179; black T-shirt, £99 Stingbacks, £265. Manolo Blahnik, 49/51 Old

ABOVE LEFT: Black tuxedo jacket, £449; black palazzo pants, £199; cream T-shirt, £99. Shoes as above. LEFT: Cream short-sleeved shirt, £175; cream skirt, £149: Shoes as above.

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As the debate on school dress code rages, Kathryn Knight goes down to the front line



What a difference a uniform makes

Today, after parental pressure, they are

kitted out in black trousers or skirts, flat

black shoes and either a purple sweatshirt

with the school logo or jumper, blazer and

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Tim Kerin, a fifth-year tutor

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UNIFORM



Discipline: Deputy head teacher David Whyte says that while pupils have always been reasonably well-behaved. standards have improved since the introduction of uniform. "Previously the school could look quite scruffy and the tone of the place was casual with the attendant buzz that brings - kids found it harder to settle down to

"It was also quite obvious that some students were in the fashion stakes, while others who couldn't afford the right

Kim Walton, a third-year form teacher who started at Lister as uniform was introduced, says it definitely affects discipline: "When the students come into school in uniform they are rather like working people who put their suits on in the morning to go to the office - they go into work mode. We occasionally have non-uniform days for charity and the kids are definitely harder to teach. All they want

to do is discuss their clothes." Mahfuza Rahman, a fifthyear pupil, spent the first two years at Lister in uniform. "In our own clothes we obviously had more individuality, but that meant we were less inclined to settle down. While I sometimes think I'm too old for uniform now I can definitely see its advantages — it does help with discipline."

Cheryl Miller, 14, in the third year, says: The ones who don't make an effort with their uniform are definitely ruder to the teachers.

enthusiasm for school uniform. happily supposing that blazers and gymslips would produce discipline and good exam results. Then came the Seventies, when schools across the land abandoned dress rules altogether.

creates disciplined teamwork. Opponents say it stunts individuality, and that community and hard work have nothing to do with clothes.

ner-city schools have some truancy. and we did have a problem with pupils leaving within schooltime," Mr Whyte, "When own clothes they were obviously less conspicuous and so locals would not

Exams/results: The school averaged 20 per cent of pupils achieving five GCSEs grade A-C. In 1992, 75 per cent went on to

sixth form educa-

Parents: Alan Clark, chairman of governors, whose 16-year-old son Gary attends Lister, said parents duction of uniform

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for a number of reasons. "With the cost of clothing generally and peer pressure to wear the right things, parents were hit in the pocket. There was also a perception, right or not, that schools with uniform seemed to do better in the league

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According to its supporters, uniform gives children a sense of identity and

Truancy: "Most inpull them up."

Before: Lister pupils when fashion was king



After: neat, disciplined and ready for work

tables. We wanted the school to have an identity within the community." David Cassidy. "Some people can't afford all the changes in fashion, and it is unfair on

those who can't compete." UNIFORM

Discipline: "I think the introduction of uniform has shaped the feel of the school — it's given students a common identity," says Mr Whyte. The tone is much quieter, the image is more groomed, and it has also made a difference in terms of being an appreciated school in the area. Discipline has improved.

improves; if you go for a job people will think better of For Parvez Iqbal, 16, a uniform restricts personal freedom and thus helps chan-

called boffin by some of the other students who didn't

Now the trend is back to uniform - but does it make a difference? The Times you had to pull the children up all the time. But once they visited the Lister Community School, an realised it wasn't going to go inner-city mixed comprehensive in East away most have stuck to it London. Until three years ago, pupils there wore jeans, leggings, T-shirts and

Truancy: "Uniform has definitely helped." Kim Walton says. The colour stands out so vividly that people outside can: identify our pupils if they are out and about during the day and contact the school. We can easily identify them as well. Having said that, it's important to emphasise that you can still draw out the students' individuality in uniform their personality still comes through." For Parvez Iqbal, the issue was simple. "You are more conspicuous in your

Exams/results: After a slight slump in results two years ago, the school had a 7 per cent increase in its GCSE performance last year to 22 per cent and the number of children staying on into sixth form has increased to about 93 per cent in the past three years.

Mr Clark says: "As a par ent. I feel there has been an upturn in standards generally, with students working harder for exams and working more closely with teachers and it all seems to have happened since uniform was brought in."

Mr Whyte says: "It is too soon to say if uniform has affected exam results, but we do feel that it, combined with other strategies such as afterschool clubs, will ultimately have an impact on grades."

Parents: Parents agree that the uniform was designed to be as financially viable as possible and are in no doubt that it is cheaper for them, even if they have a number of children at the school. While a blazer costs from E31

sweatshirts and jumpers start at £10.95. By comparison, a pair of designer trainers, now outlawed, can cost from £20 to El20. Many parents also see measure because strangers who enter the school stand out against the uniformed pupils.

I think parents feel the school has more focus, and our students walk with their heads held higher," Mr Clark says. They can look people in the eye and know they're as "At first, the uniform created good as anyone else.

Mums, too, can go into mourning for Take That

year ago, there is an inch of dust on the CD collection and the Robbie doll lies naked and abandoned at the bottom of the old toy chest. Nevertheless, there was a minute of silence in our house yesterday when Take That announced that they were to part.

The music Manchester band orchestrated the adolescence of my ISyear-old daughter. Their songs were as much a part of the soundtrack of her progression from hild to teenager as doors and the stamp ing of her first pair of Doc Martens.

And though we al knew Take That rious musical rivals to the Beatles, they were, at least in the hearts of my daughter's generation, as important as John Paul, George and Ringo were to mine.

. It must have started in the auturnin of 1992. Overnight the Designer's Guild wallpaper in

her bedroom was lost behind a mass of posters cut from Smash Hits and friend had changed their names to Mrs Mark Owen and Mrs Robbie Williams. Within a month her love was carved in stone. Well, actually "I love Robbie" was eiched into her wooden

worshipped Take That and for those years her bedroom remained their shrine. Life, for her, was a matter of existing between concerts, television appearances and record releases (such was her devotion that she even bought every recording on CD, although she didn't have a player).

My own memories of the

Jane Gordon explains why it

was always safe to have a band of lusty boys in the bedroom



Take That that's that, at last

affectionate, and perhaps rather less embarrassing than her own. I remember picking her up from a concert in the summer of 1994 when she was just 13 — and asking her how it had been.

"It was very, er, nide," came her cautious reply. "In They, well, er, simulated "What with?" I gulped: "The floor," she replied.

parents in the past few years was actually quite grateful boys made simulated love to a parquet floor Fantasy, I decided was infinitely prefhad begun to discover as they grew up and out of Take

Indeed, boy bands have, for generations, performed an important function in the life of the pubescent girl. Looking back through the annals of pop music there is for every wave of teenage girls a band made to

match them - from the Beatles to the Bay City Rollers and of safe sex. A gentle, occasionally shockdisturbing introduction to the mating game

The fact that my own daughter has from such things divorced herself, as it vere, from Robbie ting to me as the idea of the band breaking sands of girls. Because now I have to concern myself that those bedroom the not too distant

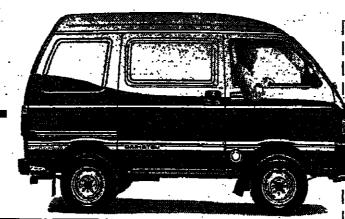
future, turn into realities Now I have to cope with the fact that the boys she likes are flesh and blood and not posters torn from teen magazines.

It seems rather ironic that the band's last single is entitled How Deep is your Love? because 18 months ago said that her love for Take That was as unfathomable all those years ago when, in fact, it was actually a rather shallow kind of love. But a love, nevertheless, that will in years to come be as nostalgic to her as Beatlemania is to me now. Take That will always be the first notch in her bedhead, however much she might now like to erase that "I love Robbie" carving.



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If the fatwa has failed, admit it

Salman Rushdie calls on EU

leaders to force Iran's hand

even years ago, the Government of Iran set out o suppress a novel and to silence its author. Medieval religious concepts (heresy, apostasy, "unclean blood") were invoked, but the means of their propagation and proposed enforcement — global communications, international terrorism - were anything but medieval. The attack upon The Satanic Verses was sophisticated, original, ruthless and sustained. And it failed. The anathematised novel.

the book that was to be erased from history, is freely available in 20 languages. Defended with great courage and high principle by booksellers and publishers, and by thousands of individuals and organisations who joined in a determined defence campaign. The Satanic Verses has survived, to make the long journey home from the world of scandal to the world of books.

It has been defended, too, by hundreds of Muslim intellecmals, and by Muslim readers in many countries. It is being taught, I hear, in Damascus. The quiet voices of those who have liked this fiction are replacing the angry noises of those who loathed it, often (but not only) on the basis

of hearsay alone. As to the author in question, he has continued to publish, and to speak his mind: so we may at least agree that he has not been silenced.

I have tried, too, to emerge from the shadows to which I

was, for a time, confined. To go on writing and to live more openly are my ways of showing that I have not been intimidated. Some commentators have criticised me for nobody to kill me, so I could being seen in public; let them consider the "message" that would be sent by my remaining invisible. Do we really want to tell the world that fatwas work?

In recent months I have travelled to a dozen countries (at no expense, may I say, to the British taxpayer), and have found, among readers, booksellers, even journalists, an atmosphere of wary celebration. And there is something for us warily to celebrate. The blunting of the threat, the frustration of the fatwa's prime purposes, has not been achieved by the intervention of states or statesmen. It is something we have done together: we, the readers, the informal international freemasonry of book-loving folk, with our secret handshakes, our hidden networks, our occult practices: with our stubborn. oloody-minded, bespectacled,

is it not regrettable, when the powerless have done so much, that the possessors of real power have achieved so little? For the fatwa has not been cancelled; an Iranian envoy to Norway recently restated it. Iran's rulers continue 10 contend that they can do or the obscene financial reward for its fulfilment. Even the EU's minimum-terms demand - that fran sign a document guaranteeing not to carry out the fatwa, and to desist from encouraging others

This latest European initiative began a year ago, during the French presidency of the EU, after I met M Chirac and M Juppé. We agreed that the agreement would not be an alternative to cancelling the fatwa, but would be seen as a step towards it; that if such an agreement were secured there would follow a long monitoring period, during which Iran would be on probation; that Iran would receive no rewards for agreeing, so to speak, to behave normally; and that if Iran were to refuse to sign, so effectively refusing to renounce the possibility of terrorist action against EU citizens, there would be "diplomatic

and economic consequences". In Paris last June, after leading everyone, including the French, to believe that the deal was done, Iran refused to sign. Under the Spanish presid-

ency, the matter was pursued without success at meetings in New York and Madrid. A proposed exchange of letters came to nothing. The present Italian presidency of the EU has issued a statement declaring the fatwa "null and void", but that is a unilateral declaration. As for the threatened "diplomatic and economic consequences".

there is, perhaps predictably, no sign of them. True, the Iran-

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ians have repeatedly said that the fatwa issue is "over", "solved", "ancient history", a "dead letter". Last Sunday, an unnamed Iranian dip-

lomat in London, "speaking with the full authority of the Rafsanjani Government", was quoted as giving me an "assurance" that Iran would send resume a normal life".

In the past nine months, such statements have been made by President Rafsanjani, Foreign Minister Velayati and the Speaker of the Mailis (and probable next president) Nateq-Nouri. It is a welcome change of tune. But the refusal to bring this long world crisis to a formal, signed and sealed conclusion must make us deeply sceptical about the singers' credibility.
The crux of the matter is not,

finally, whether I am able to "resume a normal life". It is that the State of Iran, in an edict issued by its Head of State and repeatedly endorsed by its entire leadership, embarked on a course of censorship by state terrorism, whose targets were the free peoples of other nations. That was a grave and criminal endeavour. And the fatwa, let us remember, has been implemented. Professor Hitoshi Igarashi, the Japanese translator of The Satanic Verses, was murdered. Dr Ettore Capriolo, the Italian translator, was assaulted, and William Nygaard, the novel's Norwegian

publisher, was shot. Happily, both recovered.
The EU has solemnly undertaken to resolve this problem. I call upon it to do so with extreme urgency. What we, as citizens, could do to stand up for freedom and against intimseven years, it is time for our leaders to follow our lead.



When big is ugly

There was no bomb. There was no horror. There was no so-called ceasefire collapse. There was no sudden coming together of London and Dublin. There were no platitudes from Washington and no policemen on London's streets, toting weapons, boasting "enhanced security" and frightening tourists. There was silence. There

was nothing.
Sometimes I believe we should pretend not to know of an outrage. Without knowledge, there can be no terror. A bomb would be a random incident, affecting only its immediate victims. Not until a blast ignites the gas of publicity is there a holocaust. It is the holocaust that devastates and

demoralises nations. In Northern Ireland this week, as last, people went about their business. They worked and played, they learned and taught, they shopped and travelled. They were sad about the London bomb, marched for peace and balanced clouds and silver linings, as Ulster people have always done. Catholics conversed with Protestants. They worked together building hospitals, mending roads, runnbuses, fixing street lights. Republican and Unionist, Sinn Fein and loyalist, Derry and Belfast city councils bartered such power as direct rule permits them, almost as if nothing had happened. They respected the fact of all divided societies, that violence is never far beneath the

and self-discipline. Just over two years years ago, the Downing Street declaration pro-claimed something called the Peace Process. This was followed by the ceasefire, the third since the current round of troubles began. Such was the euphoria that any scepticism was denounced as bad form. A new dawn had arrived. Gerry Adams had gentrified Europe's most primitive political entity, the Provisional IRA, Al Capone had taken up morris-dancing and sent his son to Eton. John Major's style of diplomacy, that of passionate compromise, deserved the highest award in British politics, the

surface and the best way to handle it

is through communal responsibility

Last Friday I joined many in feeling sorry for Mr Major. We had known that the time for a sort of ceasefire had arrived, that the IRA needed to pause and regroup. Mr Adams's generation of IRA leaders was now ageing and wanted to see their children respectably through

benefit of the doubt.

IRA bombs can't block reconciliation

in Ulster if London ignores them

college. But Mr Major had shown a new commitment to cleansing this darkest blot in Britain's modern history. In August 1994, he won the province a respite. Last week's bomb appeared to blow it away, and with it Mr Major's most obvious chance for glory. The man deserved sympathy.

Yet a gulf divided intention and implementation. At the time of the 1993 declaration, sceptics pointed out that there was never any way of some all-Ulster constitution marrying the IRA's historic demand for a united Ireland with the Unionist insistence on the Union. British direct rule had London. Dublin and Washington.

been sustained only by stripping the Unionist majority of all power over the nationalist minority. British troops could uphold the Union, but the price was that Unionists could never again enjoy ascendancy over nationalists.

implied some qualification of that understanding. All "talks about talks" have presaged the replacement of direct rule by some new assembly. They have implied some devolved Northern Ireland administration in which, by virtue of its majority, the Unionist interest would inevitably predominate. This prospect has kept Unionism sweet over years of apparent British concessions to the IRA. Yet whatever new administration is agreeable to the Unionists cannot be agreeable at least to the IRA. The lat-ter does not recognise Northern Ire-land, and certainly would not recognise an executive with a Unionist majority, whatever its checks and balances. This latest Peace Process had one day to confront this, as had all the others. Mr Adams might sit down with Ian Paisley and his friends, but as soon as one side started talking, the other would walk

our. The circle cannot be squared.
This always discredited the route sought by Mr Major, not to mention the Irish leader John Bruton, President Clinton, the Westminster Parliament, Northern Ireland politicians. the media and assorted pundits. They have danced down this latest Yellow

Brick Road, but with no sense of direction. Sooner or later they were bound to find that the Wizard of Oz was not to be trusted. Everybody cries, "We must get all parties talking round the table". But about what? Peace? The only IRA peace is in a united Ireland.

Over a quarter century of blood-shed, the most talented minds in the kingdom have tried every conceivable route to involve the IRA in a Northern Ireland settlement. It is hopeless. For two years, clouds of optimistic hot air have risen over

> The cloud enveloped even the dour Mr Adams, whose demise was signed by his jetting to the White House and the lionising of him by New York high society. All politi-cians have their backwoodsmen, but none has them like

Each search for a settlement has Mr Adams. Each champagne cork that popped over the Peace Process sent a grim echo through the glens of Armagh and the backstreets of Ardoyne. I do not say that Friday's bomb was Bill Clinton's doing, but less charitable observers might.

The IRA has never been what the Peace Process requires it to be, a liberation movement that negotiates settlements and hands over weapons to its enemies. It is an ancestral malia of tight-knit families obsessed with a united Ireland. Its methods are those. of Irish rebels and bandits down the ages, instilling anarchy through atrocity and making Ireland ungovernable. Mr Adams might tire of the struggle and seek legitimacy through the ballot and the club-class lounge. But there are always sons and nephews waiting in back alleys. When on January 30 a leader of the INLA splinter group was gunned down in Belfast, a shudder must have passed through Mr Adams. It was time to go home.

Every route to a settlement has been tried, bar one. The logic of the failure of formal negotiation involv-ing the IRA is not to revive it. It is to

do everything to marginalise this organisation, to disregard it and its outrages. I wrote last week (before the bomb) that there were now two distinct Ulster peace processes in train. One is the international one that will doubtless stagger on through next week's Anglo-Irish summit, but which gave unsustainable status to the IRA. The other is quite distinct. It is the "process of peace" on the ground in Northern Ireland. It involves the steady recovery by the province of its economic and political self-confidence. Unlike

the Peace Process, this is real.

This progress could be jeopardised by Friday's bomb, but only if fools decide so. Northern Ireland's return to normality depends not just on the IRA, but on the authorities refusing to go down the terrorist path by reinstating grim security measures measures which do little to improve security, but demoralise the public and disrupt daily life. It means refu-sing to treat a bombing or shooting as a "breakdown in the Peace Process", and treating it rather as the paranoid twitchings of a fanatical gang. Most of all it means strengthening those aspects of politics in Northern Ireland which are aimed at precisely the goals the formal Peace Process purports to seek: devolved local democracy but at a lower level than that of the

In 1994, as in 1992 and often before, the Government rejected the option of building up the province's emerging democratic activity via the new dis-trict councils and (possibly) restored county ones. It rejected the chance of building on the cross-community elected institutions that already existed. This was reckless. What else has all the international diplomacy been about but finding a way of getting Protestant and Catholic to share in the running of local hospitals, parks and housing estates? That is what hundreds of local councillors are

doing already.

I believe this route was not taken because it was not a "big solution". It relied on democratic responsibility growing from the bottom up. To Westminster and the world outside. Northern Ireland was suffering from too glamorous a disease for such lowtech surgery. It demanded massive intervention, complex, telegenic, cos-mopolitan. Mr Major's Peace Process was the culmination of decades of Irish history. It proved too big for what should have been more modest ambinions.

Scott, Whitehall and us

Sir Humphrey is doomed, says

Sue Cameron

ore significant than any ministerial heads rolling in the dust this week could be the impact of Sir Richard Scott's findings on the machinery of government itself. The signs are that Whitehall may be about to sustain a bigger shock than any since the great Northcote-Trevelyan reforms of the

1850s, which ended jobbery and corruption in the Civil Service.

The real issue Scott raises is not who knew what and when It is whether civil servants have an allegiance to the public interest beyond their duty to ministers. The inquiry has found disturbing indications that the proper relationship between civil servants and ministers has become blurred. There is uncertainty about when officials can and should say no

when officials can and should say no to ministers.

The difficulties of mounting a robust defence of Whitehall's methods were illustrated by a chance remark by Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary. As he gave evidence to the inquiry two years ago, he found himself trying to draw a distinction between "accountability" and "responsibility" to Parliament. So great were the difficulties of definition that at one point he had to definition that at one point he had to acknowledge defeat. "We just do not have a blame-free word." he

The admission was worthy of Sir Humphrey himself. Yet Humphrey's richly comic sophistry can strike a sour note when it is echoed in real life - as it was all too often during the Scott hearings. The inquiry was told that "the truth is a difficult concept". that parliamentary answers were an "art form, not a means of

ow the risk is that civil servants will be regarded less as people of goodwill serving the public interest from above the political fray, and more as mercenaries who can be put into the front line of the political battle. The Scott report is expected to tell the tale of a Rolls-Royce administrative machine that seized up. It is likely to expose weaknesses in Whitehall comrounications, a lack of co-ordination across departments and an obsession with secrecy that led senior mandarins to shroud facts from each other

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let alone the outside world. The Scott findings come while the Civil Service is still adjusting to a breakneck programme of reform which split the old monolithic Whitehall into more than a hundred semiautonomous agencies. The report will be a watershed — even if it exonerates all the officials of bad faith. It is not so much the revelations about Whitehall's semantic games or its failure to tell Commons committees the whole truth that has caused dismay. Many officials certainly regard such conduct as par for the course. But the prosecution of three businessmen for doing something that some people within the government machine knew about and approved has shamed even insiders.

hatever the detailed findings about the ings about the role of indi-viduals, Sir Richard Scott's report will leave the Civil Service with a blemished reputation. Changes in the structure, the rules and the very ethos of the Civil Service add up to the death of Sir Hum-phrey's Whitehall. Sir Humphrey was mendacious. Machiavellian and nuthless. Yet he was held in affection because although he did not always get things right, he always believed he was acting in the public interest. He would have found a way to say no to any minister who tried to flout that interest. He would have warned of the embarrassment if word ever got out. He would have manipulated other politicians to put pressure on his own minister. If all else failed, he would have threatened to record his formal disagreement with his minis-ter — as real-life civil servants, including Lord Armstrong, have done in the past.

The changes in Whitehall have been brought about partly by a shift in the political climate that is putting greater strains on the loyalty of civil servants—and which is certainly not their fault. It is hard indeed for officials to draft speeches or parliamentary answers or press releases

for ministers without. One of the results of the Scott report will surely be reforms which clarify the mutual responsibilities of civil servants and ministers. There must also be changes in the rules that call for blanket secrecy to cover all advice from civil servants to ministers. Yet such moves could make ministers and civil servants more wary of each other. Politicians might decide it would be more comfortable to have committed outsiders in key

advisory posts.

The British public is still old-fashioned enough to expect its officiashioned enough to expect its officials and the wester. als to be honourable. Yet in the welter of self-justification, denial and early retaliation, not one of the leading figures has stepped forward to apologise. Neither ministers nor Whitehall will openly express regret for an episode which even a former manda-rin such as Sir Charles Powell has called "a shambles". The public will draw its own conclusions.

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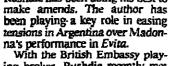
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Ex-rated

AFTER THE CURSE of Hello! comes the curse of Tatler. The society creatures who decorate its social column, "Bystander", enjoy a marriage failure rate which is considerably worse than the national average. Half of the sparkling couples who pose for the glossy end up divorcing. Among those who have floundered in the Tatler theme park are the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Aga Khan and the Begum Aga Khan. as well as Mick and Bianca Jagger.

Short courtships and engagements are the hallmarks of these champagne-swillers, says the magazine's social editor. Ewa Lewis. The column features people like the Earl of Lichfield, Lulu de la Falaise and Lady Leonora Grosvenor. They are people who live in the fast lane and have high expectations of life that constantly fall short," she says. "They tend to be glamorous and good-looking and therefore have larger choices in life." Poor darlings.

Don't cry HE MAY HAVE caused diplomat-



With the British Embassy playing broker. Rushdie recently met Argentina's Foreign Minister in Buenos Aires. He put his case for

> tion turned to Madonna and the protests she had encountered in Argentina after news of her movie role hit the streets. After hearing Rushdie out the Minister got on the blower to the Ministry of the Interior and de-

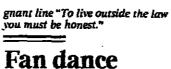
> > deployed to ensure that the film, directed by Alan Parker, could proceed unhindered. "I wouldn't say it was all down to the meeting," says a diplomatic source, "but it was a well-timed conversation at a senior level.

manded that Argentinian police be

freedom of speech, and conversa-

TIMES

• The mother of the convicted insurance fraudster Darius Guppy has burst into song to celebrate his release. Shusha Guppy is launching a compact disc and has included two Bob Dylan songs — but not the number Absolutely Sweet



JOHN MAJOR'S reputation as a peace broker is undiminished, de-

spite the IRA outrage in London's Docklands last Friday. The Prime Minister's office has been besieged by Take That fans who want him to intervene and bring members of the pop group, which announced vesterday that it was splitting up,



Shusha Guppy: Darius's

The Take That fan club got through by telephone to Major's private office yesterday but to no avail. It was gently explained that although he was a powerful man this was a national tragedy in which he could not intercede.

Whippy lash

WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE has suffered the final indignity. With the Scott report just hours away, he was approached in front of TV cameras the other day for help in the exportation to Iraq of a tank converted into an ice-cream van. Waldegrave was approached for

a Channel 4 television show by the comedian Mark Thomas, who parked an armour-plated "Mr Whippy" tank adorned with ice-cream cones outside his home. Thomas asked how he could ship it to a friend in the ice-cream business in Iraq. The Treasury Minister was not amused. "This is a very stupid stunt," he snapped.

Not cricket

THE LESS salubrious menswear shops have for many years been selling MCC ties with the famous red and yellow stripes to non-members, strictly against the rules, But

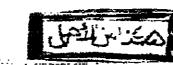


application to the Trade Marks Registry to register its egg and bacon colours. Colonel Stevenson, a former

MCC Secretary of 15 years standing, says that sales of ties and braces to non-members is an old problem. At the authorised shops. MCC membership cards must be shown before purchase," he says.
Not everybody likes the distinctive colour scheme, however. "The Duke of Edinburgh once said they



were 'bloody awful colours'."





sue Cameron

EUROMYTHS TWO

Single market and single currency: another Brussels fallacy

To judge by his dismissal of the European Commission economist, Bernard Connolly, for the crime of talking sense about monetary union, Jacques Santer does not much like the truth. The kindest interpretation of the myth about Europe which the President of the European Commission has made his rallying cry is that he is tolerant of economic lunacy, provided it serves a political purpose. The myth is this: that the European single market is in danger of destruction if the euro is not introduced in January 1999 as planned. Does Europe face a choice between a single currency or the single market, able to have both or neither?

If the answer were yes, it would be a powerful, if rather negative argument for EMU. Mr Santer hopes that it will be powerful enough to sustain the French and ther struggling countries through their nnecessary and damaging martyrdom to ne religion of EMU. However, the case he takes is improbable in the extreme and the pposite may well be more accurate. The rgument rests on the following logic. If in a ngle market, nations can lower their costs y "competitive devaluation" of their curencies, they will. Other states will counter his by restoring the non-tariff barriers and putright tariffs that the 1992 process swept way. Ergo, the single market would be eroded if not eliminated. The euro would make such currency tactics impossible and hence preserve free and open trade.

The emergence of Mr Santer's argument at this stage is rather curious. When the single market enterprise was launched in the mid 1980s the Commission was notably silent on the implications it might have for exchange rates. Indeed, of the numerous debilitating trade barriers that the 1992 reforms would tackle, none of the published offenders included the transaction costs of maintaining separate currencies. All the various Delors reports on EMU postdated the Single European Act. Today's emphasis on a link between the two seems somewhat convenient, not to say impromptu.

There are a number of difficulties with the Santer analysis. At a technical level it is far from clear that the exit of the pound and lira

from the ERM, or the devaluations of the peseta and escudo within the system, can be described as "competitive" in the predatory sense. Indeed, the devaluations of all these currencies were actively demanded by the Bundesbank. These currencies were all substantially overvalued inside the ERM and free floating or devaluation restored them to a position judged more appropriate not only by the markets; but also by their national governments and even the Bundesbank.

There is another even more fundamental inconsistency in the Commission's case. According to its own officially sanctioned evaluation of the impact of monetary union - One Market, One Money - competitive devaluations cannot succeed. All they produce is inflation. How the single market could be imperilled by states adopting a strategy that the Commission believes to be ineffective is thus a mystery. Indeed it is absolutely central to the logic of a single currency that countries cannot engineer prosperity by debasing their coinage. If they could, why would they sacrifice that option by losing control over their exchange rate?

As Sir Leon Brittan, the Commissioner with the greatest responsibility for free trade, and commitment to it, has stated, the single market is a separate matter from any proposed European currency. The single market is enshrined in laws and agreements, ranging from the Single European Act to the Gatt treaty, which are not only legally enforceable, but seen to be mutually beneficial by all the main European states. As a political proposition, it beggars belief that a great trading nation such as Germany would want to deny its exporters the benefits of a single market out of pique at the failure

To link the single market with the single currency in the manner of Mr Santer is thus politically unrealistic, as well as intellectually dishonest. The question of whether to introduce the euro should be considered on its merits, which include the very real issues of its economic costs. To raise the mythical prospect that internal commerce will collapse unless the euro prevails does nothing but confuse the real arguments.

SEVEN YEARS ON

Salman Rushdie still lives under sentence of death

Seven years have passed since the word: wrote; securing the comradeship of those "fatwa", then in hesitant talics, entered who read books and allowing that bond to everyday English. Seven years to the day, as strengthen his resolve. the target of that fatwa writes on the page opposite, "the Government of Iran set out to Last Sigh, his latest novel, a book that is for Sever years on, Salman Rushdie still lives under sentence of death.

February 14, 1989, the late Ayatollah Khomeini, then Iran's undisputed spiritual and political leader, decreed that Mr Rushdie should die for the "blaspherny" published in The Satanic Verses. The ayatollah, flouting all norms of international law and civilisation, urged "brave Muslims" to "quickly kill" Mr Rushdie and all those involved in the publication of the novel.

His ghoulish exhortation was not ignored: to date, the Japanese translator of The Satanic Verses has been killed, the Italian translator brutally assaulted and its Norwegian publisher shot. Mr Rushdie, as the whole world now knows so well, has had to live a life of no fixed address, protected round the clock, guarding against the death which the ayatollah had decreed.

But Mr Rushdie has continued to write, and to express his bravery through his books. How easy it would have been - and how understandable - to let the ink run dry, to unplug the word-processor, to twist writing-paper into anguished balls, to let fear scorch his mind and his imagination. Mr Rushdie did not do that. Instead, he

From that resolve was born The Moor's ess a novel and to silence its writer". many of us his finest creation yet. It should, we believe, have won last year's Booker Prize: not, as we pointed out at the time, for its having been written in conditions that make the air chill, but for his creation of a never-before-seen world.

"Here I stand. Couldn't have done it differently," says Moraes Zogoiby, the book's narrator. Yet the European Union, yesterday, should have done it very differently indeed. The EU's Italian presidency. in a statement to mark the seventh year of the fatwa, appeared to reject calls for firmer action against Iran, preferring instead to pursue a "critical dialogue". "The EU renews its demand that Iran abide by international law and calls upon the Iranian authorities to join the EU's efforts to obtain a satisfactory solution in respect of Salman Rushdie." The demand could not have been more vague, nor more mealy-mouthed.

Iran must declare the fatwa null and void: nothing less will do. In Mr Rushdie's own words, the crisis has to be brought to "a formal, signed and sealed conclusion". Iran is today a pariah state. The West must not permit it to lose its stigma by stealth or quick fix. Only by rescinding the fatwa can it re-enter the civilised fold.

CHURCH FOR THE TIMES

Rock of Ages cleft for me, are you becoming too PC?

When Henry the Eighth brought the Church of England into existence to put a woman in her place he can never have imagined that her successors would one day be in charge. As we report on the front page today, a survey of the Synod shows that a majority of the House of Laity is now made up of women, and pretty progressive ones at that This may not come as a surprise in the bishop's palace in Barchester, where Mrs Proudie has always worn the gaiters, but how many churchgoers will be entirely happy with a body originally built to embody eternal truth moving so modishly with the times?

Statistics in a survey can never give us a full picture of the established Church, its real nature as rich and complex as the embroidery on the vestments of a Puseyite prebendary. But the figures on the page of his study tell us much about the figures who run the Church of England, and how much

The removal of the barrier from pew to pulpit for the female sex has gone hand in hand with a broader Terminisation of the Cof.. E. There have always been powerful women in the English church, from the mysticlulian of Norwich through its stalwart Protestant defender Elizabeth the First to the all to recognisable rectors' and bishops' wives drawn by the Trollopes. Joanna and Anthony. But even Mrs Proudle at her most assertive might have shuddered at the thought of an inclusive liturgy which avoids that has its roots in the past but today takes thought of an inclusive liturgy which avoids that has its roos in the times.

references to God as Father, lesbian clergy, its cue from The Times.

administering the sacraments and the most prominent priest in popular culture being played by Dawn French.

The regiment of women may have been monstrous to a good Presbyterian like John Knox. It may be more in tune with the spirit of the age than the ageless design of the Holy Spirit. But the synod survey suggests that even those parts of the church which are male monopolies cannot be relied upon to uphold ancient wisdom. The House of Bishops, the only section of the synod still all-male, harbours two members who believe the church should not speak out on adultery. Do they think God got it wrong or are ten commandments too many?

Perhaps the Bishops' reluctance to take a tough line on sin stems from ignorance of its prevalence. No bishop admitted to taking a tabloid newspaper. Given how many of them, and their clergy, appear in The News of the World, it seems an unpardonable

Elevated origins are no excuse. The proportion educated at public school or Oxbridge is in decline. Figures such as the formidably intellectual Old Etonian and Cambridge scientist John Habgood, lately Archbishop of York, will soon be as much an anachronism as the fox-hunting parsons of Suriees. There is, however, a glimmer of hope that enlightment will not elude the men in mitres. Their preferred paper is this one. Perhaps it is no bad thing to have a Church

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Fresh pursuit of a lasting peace in Northern Ireland

From Mr H. R. Mcliveen

Sir. Lord Rees-Mogg ("Isle of Dogs may be the IRA's Waterloo", February 12) stripped away much Irish mist when he reminded us that the IRA has In 25 years former "Stormont rule"

anomalies and alleged injustices have been put right. The credit for this lies with Westminster. The peace process, which the Prime Minister and his Irish counterpart have made plain they will continue to pursue (reports and leading article, February 13), has the support of all factions in Ulster. Cross-border relations with Dublin have improved steadily at pragmatic, if not always political levels. The timely visit of President Clinton in November inevitably added an international dimension to the search for progress and settlement.

The democratic process now envisaged must fully involve the Ulster peo-ple. The majority of silent and lawabiding citizens would, by means of elections, be able to return their chosen representatives in proportion to their mandate. With only a small vote, Sinn Fein is likely to move to the bottom of the table. That is democracy: it does not fit the power game in which Mr Adams has seen himself as a key

In those 25 years Ireland, too, has moved on. Lord Rees-Mogg understands this when he refers to the urban modernism of the new Ireland: do the politicians, North and South?
The historical Celtic crusade

against the occupying English is play-ing itself out. Modern Ireland cannot afford to nurture old griefs forever. and the shape of its changing society reflects this.

Should an all-Ireland settlement ever be achieved it will be by consensus and democratic progress. The IRA has no place in such a state: that is its

Yours etc. HUGH McILVEEN, Wood House, Whichford, Shipston-on-Stour. Warwickshire. February 13.

From Mr P. C. Beaver

From Mr Ian Josephs

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to the tune of E20 billion".

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's article did not touch on the forgotten or ignored aim of the IRA, which has not chang-ed: the formation of a socialist republi-can state. The aims and politics of

Heseltine and debts

Sir, A heading on Libby Purves's arti-

tine is wrong to defend late payers who are indebted to small businesses

Michael Heseltine, my former part-

ner, was actually defending small

businesses against big business credi-

tors pressing them for payment by ex-

plaining to the Forum of Private Busi-

ness various ways of avoiding bank-

ruptcy (report, February 5). He cer-

tainly never endorsed large compan-

ies holding up payments to smaller ones, nor I am sure did he ever do so

once he had himself got into the big

Plenty of lodgers owed money to

Michael and me in our early days, but

we never threw anybody out into the

street. Should we have evicted people

Libby Purves suggests that small

businesses should pass the risk to the

"poor old bank". The banks are re-

sponsible for far more liquidations than the likes of Michael Heseltine

and myself. If it looks risky they pull

the plug and down the small fry go

unless they find a way of keeping

other creditors waiting a little longer.

into trouble at some time in its early years and has to choose either liquida-

tion or to keep creditors waiting for payment. Which option should be

(Chief Executive), The Regency School of English, Royal Crescent, Ramsgate, Kent.

From Mr Patrick Nicholls, MP for

Sir, Libby Purves (Governing ambi-

guities". February 13) trots out the tir-ed old canard that ministers signed

public interest immunity (PII) certifi-

cates that "could have led to the con-

viction" of the innocent. The truth is

seeing the documents: they simply re-

serve to him the ultimate decision

about whether they are revealed or

the Matrix Churchill trial and the de-

fendants were duly acquitted. In

short, the law operated as it was sup-

That is exactly what happened in

PILs do not prevent the trial judge

Teignbridge (Conservative)

Yours faithfully.

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Yours faithfully.

February 13.

PATRICK NICHOLLS.

House of Commons. ...

Nearly every small business runs

just to pay our creditors on time?

such a state are dictated by the IRA, not Sinn Fein, which is merely a weak political shell.

The IRA knows perfectly well that political victory for Sinn Fein, in elections in the North, South, or a united Ireland, is unlikely in the foresceable future. After so many years of sustained violence few are likely to vote

The IRA wants a united Ireland of its choice and will use Sinn Fein as its political engine, provided it can be relied upon to toe the line. As a former serving officer in Northern Ireland for 32 years I believe the Docklands bombing was a deliberate reminder. not a blunder as Rees-Mogg says.

Gerry Adams, on the other hand, has changed. He seems to believe that a united Ireland is within sight and to understand that it can be achieved only with Unionist consent. Within a politically weak organisation he is probably the only one with whom the Government or the Unionists can discuss the way ahead. He can apparently make no promises on the future be-haviour of the IRA. If he condemns violence he is finished with the IRA: if he doesn't he is probably finished with

the Government and the Unionists. The real problem for the British and Irish governments remains the IRA.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP BEAVER. The Malt House. Poulton, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, February 13.

From Mrs Deirdre Rowe

Sir, No one in Northern Ireland has been untouched by the violence: only the degree differs. Quite often in life it's the "average" voice that is least

My family and I fall into this category. We are non-political Catholics. some of whom are still living in Andersonstown. In 1979 my father, on his sixty-ninth birthday, was murdered by the INLA for reporting a hijack-

For seventeen years we've been liv-ing in silence and grief, but there are many people like us. We don't want vengeance or justice: we just want peace. That means talks, uncondition-

I appeal to Mr Major to let the IRA keep their weapons till they rot, they're only symbolic and they can be replaced. The "four green fields" of the old Irish song aren't worth one life, and neither is an election. I don't speak for the minority; I

think I speak for a quiet majority. Yours truly.
DEIRDRE ROWE. Chalet Tarentaise. Le Pre, Villaroger, 73640 Ste Foy Tarentaise, France.

From Mr N. J. Mustoe

February 13.

Sir. There is not much good that can be said of the IRA, but one has to admire their propaganda. After their killing of several thousand people and causing millions of pounds of damage here and in Ulster; after their having made no concessions towards a political solution or recognised the hatred they have generated in the majority community, honest people are still blaming the problems on the Ulster

The Unionists have steadfastly condemned the activities of the IRA and the so-called loyalist paramilitaries. They have agreed to talk to the men who have slaughtered so many members of their community, provided they promise not to do so in future. Anyone who asks the Unionists to

do more is asking them to surrender to the terrorists. Yours faithfully, JOHN MUSTOE, Blackthorn Cottage, 20 Cross End, Thurleigh, Bedfordshire.

From Mr Lucas Mellinger

Sir, Sir David Mitchell, MP, asks (letter, February 12), "Do the IRA . . . ever want the peace process to move for-ward?" I would go further: "Can the IRA make peace?" The inevitable answer is that they cannot.

They cannot destroy their raison d'être: cannot, in their conscience, abandon their fathers' commitment; cannot, in their eyes, betray the martyrs who have died for the only cause

Decommissioning their arms, in their psychology, would imply decom-missioning their integrity.

Yours faithfully. LUCAS MELLINGER, 9 Mortlake Terrace, Kew Green, Richmond, Surrey. February 13.

Balance of sexes in MPs' selection

From Mr Paul Nicholls

Sir, Now that the Labour Party has decided (rightly in my view) not to ap-peal against the industrial tribunal decision declaring all-women shortlists unlawful (report, January 9) there is a presumption that the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and Race Relations Act 1976 do apply to the selection process for political parties. This will remain the case unless there is a future selection challenge that results in an appeal to the higher courts.

Whilst there may be be some disappointment at the loss of the "positive action" mechanism for redressing the balance of the sexes, the long-term implications of the application of discrimination legislation to candidate selection in all political parties gives ground for hope for future change.

All the political parties are going to have to conduct a thorough review of their selection processes to ensure that they do not infringe discrimination legislation. They will need to take effective steps to ensure compliance with equality law when choosing can-

didates if they are not to be held liable for unlawful questions posed during the selection process.

Effective guidance is going to have to be given to deter the perennial, Will your wife be helping you in the campaign?" (or vice-versa), or similar questions loaded in favour of male, or indeed female, candidates. Selection panels will need to be re-

minded of their equal-opportunity responsibilities. Any process that has a disproportionate impact is indirectly discriminatory. Indirect discrimina-tion (unlike direct) can be lawful but only if it is justifiable in all the circumstances. It will be interesting to hear the justification argument.

In the long term the successful Keighley tribunal challenge should lead to real progress in achieving equality in Parliament.

Yours faithfully, PAUL NICHOLLS, Dibb Lupton Broomhead (solicitors), Carlton House, 18 Albert Square, Manchester 2. February 5.

Holocaust accounts

From Professor Alan Thompson

Sir. The statement by the Swiss Bankers Association ("Swiss in clash over Holocaust assets", February 8) that the amount of cash in dormant accounts belonging to Holocaust victims is only \$21 million surely merits further investigation.

While I was in the Commons I was involved in some of the work of the Association of Nazi War Camp Survivors and of the Wiener Library. Although I have no knowledge of the overall sum involved, my impression of the scale and injustice of the tragic and deeply disturbing cases which came to my attention leads me to be-

lieve that this sum could be a considerable under-estimate. It is certainly a matter which deserves some form of international consultations under the aegis of the Swiss Government.

Although this is not normal banking practice, this is not a normal situation. Given the unique nature of the unspeakable atrocities which gave rise to these dormant accounts it would be surely appropriate for the Swiss authorities to cooperate.

Yours faithfully, ALAN THOMPSON (Labour MP for Dunfermline Burghs, 1959-64). 11 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh 9. February 8.

Beating the weather From Sir Ian Morrow

Sir. During the recent severe weather the National Grid issued a warning (report, January 31; see also letters. February 9) that it might run out of generating capacity, caused in part by the fact that some gas-fired stations were closed through lack of fuel from British Gas because the contracts were interruptible at British Gas's op-

It seems irresponsible to include in "available capacity" plants that can be closed legitimately by an outside agency. .

Power, communications and transport are three services that must never fail through lack of capacity, whatever the weather; otherwise the country faces a repeat of the three-day week chaos of 1972, with devastating economic consequences.

Yours truly, IAN MORROW. 2 Albert Terrace Mews. NW!.

Wolves in the wild

From Mr Leslie J. Hathaway

Sir, Mr Roger Panaman (letter, February 2) and Mr John Gudgeon (February 7) may be interested to know that wolves have indeed been known to roam in Church Street, Kidlington. From 1931 until 1937 Gosford Hill Farm, Kidlington, was the site of the Oxford Zoological Gardens. In 1937, as the zoo was closing down, a few wolves escaped. They made their way through Church Street to open fields beyond.

For a few days this caused havoc and anxiety to local farmers and villagers, who were warned to be on their guard. Several sheep and their lambs were killed.

Unfortunately at least two alsatian dogs were mistakenly shot before the wolves were tracked down and shot. Yours sincerely,

L. J. HATHAWAY, 3 South Avenue. Kidlington, Oxfordshire. February 9.

Lords' ruling on computer privacy

From Ms Shelagh J. Gaskill

Sir. In the appeal of R v Brown (Law Report, February 9), the House of Lords has reached an astonishing decision. Put simply, their lordships decided (by a majority) that calling personal data from a database on to a computer screen and reading the information so displayed does not constitute "using" the information within the meaning of Section 5(2) (b) of the Data Protection Act 1984. Accordingly Mr Brown could not have committed the offence of misusing the informa-

As Lord Griffiths makes clear in his dissenting speech, if "use" is given its ordinary and natural meaning and the prosecution has therefore to prove not only illegitimate access to personal data but also some subsequent ap-plication of the information derived from the access to it, the difficulties of enforcement will be immense. So if I illegitimately gain access to someone's personal data and as a result decide to take no action - an outcome which may be just as harmful to the person concerned as taking positive action, and just as much an invasion of his or her privacy - I will apparently not have committed the offence.

Although "information privacy" is not a right expressly guaranteed and protected by the Act as it now stands, that position must change when, within three years, the Government is due to implement the European Union directive on data protection in our domestic law. At that point, this over-simplistic distinction between processing of data up to the point of displaying the information on a computer screen (which, as a result of this decision, is not "use") and some subsequent application of that information (which is "use") will simply be unsustainable, because the directive defines "processing very widely. That definition includes the word "use" as well as the word "retrieval".

This is consistent with the directive's stated purpose of protecting the individual's right to privacy with respect to the processing of personal

Yours faithfully, SHELAGH GASKILL, Masons (solicitors). Minerva House, 29 East Parade, Leeds, West Yorkshire. February 9.

Communion in hand

From the Reverend R. M. E. Paterson Sir, John Selwyn Gummer ("At your Communion in the hand" and characteristically despises the "easygoing modern... trendy or off-hand".

The accounts of the Last Supper (Mark xiv. 22-25 and | Corinthians xi, 23-26) make it clear that the bread and the cup would have been received by the apostles in their hands, certainnot, as Mr Gummer would have it, "placed reverently upon the tongue just as it always used to be".

After centuries of clericalisation this ancient and important practice fell into disuse and the Council of Rouen in 878 forbade it. In the Prayer Book of 1552 Archbishop Cranmer restored the primitive tradition and although modern liturgies do not normally specify the method, this remains the proper tradition in the Anglican Church. Yours faithfully,

ROBERT PATERSON (Secretary, Liturgical Commission of the Church in Wales), The Rectory, 85 Broadway, Cowbridge, South Glamorgan.

S for serendipity

From Mr Fritz Spiegl

Sir, My late cousin Alfred Geiringer, whose obituary you printed last month (January 10), told me that a young clerk in his office at Reuters filed Chiang Kai-shek under I - "Issimo, General . . . " (letters, February 6

But then, according to the new ways of spelling Chinese words in Euro-pean characters. Chiang has now probably been moved to X - for "Xiang".

Yours faithfully. FRITZ SPIEGĽ, 4 Windermere Terrace, Liverpool 8. February 9.

Fortune's fools

From Dr M. S. E. F. Holland

Sir. In the new gallery of Hellenistic art in the British Museum there is a photograph of the Louvre statuette of the so-called Tyche of Antioch, with the caption:

How could it be that one man lived and died an Alexander while another found himself condemned ... to beg for food in rags on the streets of Smyrna? The increasing uncertainty of Hellenistic society promoted an obsession with such concepts as . . . Tyche (Luck or Fortune).

Mutatis mutandis, our divide between fat cat and poor pilgarlick seems to have thrown up a fresh version of the archetype, in the iconographically similar figure (long, flowing robes, rather different headdress) which has appeared on billboards all over the metropolis, bearing the message: "Is Lady Luck with YOU?".

Yours faithfully, MERIDEL HOLLAND, 9 Holion Terrace, Halesworth. Suffolk

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 13: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Mr Andrew MacKay MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Househol charpertum of the rangeroug was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which The Queen was graciously pleased to

The R Hen John Major MF (Prime Mini acr and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her

Treasury) had an audience of Her Majery this evening The Duke of Edinburgh, President and Humarary Life Fellow, this morning chaired a meeting of the Environment Committee of the Royal

Arty, Manufactures and Commerce at Backingham Palace.
The Hun Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waning to The Queen

February 13: The Prince Edward, Irusee, The Duke of Edinburgh's ward, this esenting attended a Dinner to elebrate the Unites New Year at the Oriental Restaurant, the Donahester Hotel, London W1. february 13: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Busic Skills Agency, this nurring attended an Advisory Com-nititee Meeting at Commonwalth House, New Orderd Street, London

ViCi Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this aftersave the Children Fund, this andraward commence Group Meeting and afterwards presented Corporate Members' Fundraiser Certificates at

Buckingham Palace. CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE. February 13: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patron of the Special Forces Club, this afternoon unveiled a Memorial to the Special Operations

Executive in Westminster Abbey. The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Permanent Master, will present the Shipwrights' Queen's silver medal to Mr John McDonald and the company's bronze medal to Mr. David Stewart at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and, as President and Honorary Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts. Manufactures and Commerce, will attend a meeting of the president's forum followed by luncheon at St James's Palace at

The Prince of Wales will visit SciMat, Dorean 200, Murdock Road, Dorean, Swindon, at 10.35; and will visit Dyson Appliances. Tetbury Hill. Malmesbury. at

The Princess Royal, as President of Carers, will attend a seminar "Who Cares?" for long term care at the Prudential Corporation. 142
Holborn Bars. ECI, at 9.30; as
Chancellor of London University,
will open the refurbished Slade
School of Fine Art. Gower Street.

Birthdays

The Prince of Liechtenstein celebrates his 51st birthday today. The Right Rev Peter Ball, former Bishop of Gloucester, and his twin brother, the Right Rev Michael Ball, Bishop of Truro, 64: Mr John Butterfill, MP. 55; Sir John Clark, former chairman. The Plessey Company, 70: Professor Evelyn Ensworth, Vice-Chancellor, Durham University, 63; Sir Arnold Elton, consultant surgeon, 76; Sir Jack Hibbert, former director, Central Statistical Office, 64: Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, former chairman, Allied-Lyons, 73; Miss K.M. Jenkins, former director of Kevin Keegan, football manager, 45: Mr John MacGregor, MP, 59

player, 29: Countess Mountbatten of Burma, 72: Professor Sir Charles Oatley, electrical engineer. 92: Mr Alan Parker, film director. 52: the Hon Hanning Phillips, former Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed.

Lord Rossmore, 65. Mr Michael producer, 57: Sir Albert Sloman. ormer Vice-Chancellor, Essex University, 75: Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman, English Heritage, 64: Mr D.M Suwart, former Principal, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, 66: Mr A.W.H. Siewart-Moore, former chairman. Gallaher, 81: Lard Wilson of Tillyorn, 61: Mrs Margaret Wright, chief commissioner, The



met nurses, doctors and surgeons who have been treating and caring for victims at the London Hospital.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 13: The Princess of Wates, Purva, London City Ballet, this marning received Mr Michael Pres-craft (Chief Executive) and Mr Harold

February 13: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, opened the Exhibition, "Fred-erick Leighton 1834-1896" and sub-

sequently was present at a dinner at the Royal Academy of Arts. Picca-

YORK HOUSE February 13: The Duke of Kent this murning visited the John Hampden Grammar School, Marlow Hill,

High Wycombe. Buckinghamshire, and was met on arrival by Mr John Paterson (Her Majesty's Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire).

His Royal Highness later visited Wycombe Summit. Abbey Barn Lane, High Wycombe, and His afternoon opened Colston Hall, Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre. East Commun. Gerrards Cross.

Buckinghamshire, Captain Moreus

The Duchess of Kent. Patron, UNI-CEF, this morning visited Jafferpet

Village. Her Royal Highness this afternoon Village Primary Health

visited the Village Primary Health Care Centre. Thiravalam, and the First Referral Unit. Taluk Hospital, Wallajapes, Tamil Nadu, India.

WCI, at 200; as President of the

Royal Yachting Association, will

attend a council meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club at 4.30;

and will deliver the 1996 Barnett fecture at Toynbee Hall at

The Duke of Gloucester will visit

historic sites in Harwich, Essex.

The Duke of Kent, as patron, will

attend the British Computer Soci-

ety awards lectures at the Insti-tution of Civil Engineers at

The Queen's Life Guard mounts :

rence will be held in Ealing Abbey on Friday, February 16, at 10.30am

Today's events

Requiem Mass

Horse Guards at 11.00.

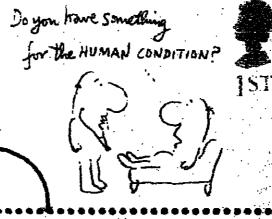
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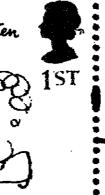
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Four of Mel Calman's little masterpieces are among cartoons that will appear on stamps from February 26

Hundreds enter young cartoonist award

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE best entries for the Mel Calman Awards, a competition sponsored by The Times to encourage young cartoonists, are to go on show at the National Postal Museum from February 26.

They will be displayed in an exhibition coinciding with the launch of new greetings stamps featuring the work of renowned cartoonists, including the late Mel Calman, in whose honour the awards are named.

Calman's wry line drawings enlivened our front page for 15 years until his death in February 1994 at the age of 62. Typical examples of his work are on four of the ten first class stamps in the new issue. The stamps will be sold in books of ten with 20 free greetings labels, some of whose one-liner captions are also derived from Calman's cartoons.

Hundreds of entries were received for The Times Young Cartoonist of the Year

competition, organised in conjunction with the British Cartoonists' Association, for which the Mel Calman Awards are the prizes.

The competition was inspired by the realisation that cartoons and caricature have been an essential ingredient of British life for more than three centuries, but that there are now fewer and fewer outlets for cartoonists' work, and little encouragement for young artists to continue in what has been a great tradition.

Entries were restricted to those under 30, with a special category for those under 18.

Seven winners will be presented with their prizes by Peter Stothard, Editor of The Times, at an awards ceremony on the day the exhibition opens.

The judges, who included such leading exponents of the cartoonist's art as Peter Brookes of The Times, Peter Maddocks, Posy Simmonds, Steve Bell of The Guardian, John Jensen, chairman of the British Cartoonists' Association, and Enzo Apicella, were impressed and encouraged by the strength and quality of the entries for the competition, which it is hoped will

become an annual event. One of the judges, David Driver, the design editor of The Times, said: "I have always feared that there were not a great number of cartoonists out there waiting to show what they could do, but the entries came in their hundreds and were of a very high standard. We have discovered several promising young

The National Postal Museum is in King Edward Building, King Edward Street, London ECI, and is open daily from 9.30am until 4.30pm. Admission is free. The exhibition, which all includes a display on the new cartoon stamps, will continue until May 3.

Memorial service The Royal Society of Chemistry Sir Denis Dobson, QC The Lord Chancellor was repre-

President of the Family Division and the Treasurer of the Middle

Temple attended. Among others

present were:

present were:
Lady Dobson (widow), Mr Neville Boden and Ms Zuiella Dobson and Mr and Mrs Ronald Sminck (soms-in-law and daughters). Mrs Roger Dobson and Mrs Paul Dobson and Mrs Paul Dobson and Mrs Paul Dobson and Mrs Paul Dobson idaughters-in-law). Mr William Dobson, Miss Serena Dobson, James Dobson, Miss Serena Dobson, James Dobson and Charlotte Dobson igrandchildren.
Lord and Lady Ackner, Lord Nicholis of Birkenhead, Lady Borrie, Lord Slynn of Haddey, Lord and Lady Gorebon, Lord Lady Campbell (Lady Goreborn). Lord Lusder Simon Brown, Sir Rainh and Lady Gubson, Lady Justice Bourle, Lord Justice Rose, the Hon Mrs Justice Hoog, the Hon Lucinda Royle, Sir Wilfred Bourne, QC, and Lady Bourne. Sir Docales, Sir Wilfred Bourne, QC, and Lady Bourne. Sir Docales, Sir James Nursaw, QC, Sir Ian Sindalr, QC, Sir Donald Logan (Brompton Association). Sir Henry de Waal QC, Lady (Peter) Henry de Waal QC, Lady (Peter) Fosier, Sir Paul and Lady Osmond. Sir Geoffier, de Deney, Sir Richard and Eady Bourne, QC, Sir Kenneth Hollings, Sir David West-Russell, Sir Wincent Evans, QC, Judge Aglionby, His Honour

DEATHS

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in January 1996. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters CChem FRSC:

R F Appleton, B T Callan, J N Cape, D Carter, A G Cockburn, J P Cole, A N Cormack, J D Cotton, T H D Cummings, W Dawson, A J Dyer, J D Gilbert, G F Hall, F J III., S R Korn, A B Mandal, B Mateon, S R Nalk, I Rajagopal, J W Readman, A D Ruthven, J M Streete, D J Tapolczay, D Urquhan, T C White, W K M T L Wijesekera, V Zalchick.

Luncheon

HM Government Mr Michael Portillo. Secretary of State for Defence, was the host vesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Stanislav

Reception

The Right Hon Sir Leon Brittan, QC, was present at a reception held last week at Stowe School, Buckingham. to talk to students and to open the School's new European and Careers Centre.

Oxford University The George Webb Medley essay prize 1995 has been awarded to Miss Katrina Cotch, 5t Edmand Hall.

sented by Sir Thomas Legg. QC, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Denis Dobson, QC, held on Monday at the Temple Church. Canon Joseph Robinson, Master of Mr Roger Dobson, Mr Paul Dobson and Mr Michael Dobson. sons, read the lessons. Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG, CH, FRS, gave an address.
The Lord Chief Justice, the

Taylor, OC. Mr Geoffley Brice, OC. Mr J M Cartwright Shari. Mr Ludovic Boden. Mr and Mrs G P Davidson, Mr Norman S Marsh. Mr David Williams, Mr O Sowande. Mr Edward Caldwell, Mrs Gerald Draper, Mr K Newman, Miss Pat Malley. Mr and Mrs Karl Newman, Mr David Edward, Mrs Amanda Piper, Mr Godfrey Carler. Mr Laurence Shurman, Mr Keith Carmichael. Mr and Mrs James Mason.

Mr J A C Watherston [Head of International Division. Lord Chancellors Department, Master McKenzle, QC Registrar of Criminal Appeals. Mr Michael Blair Ideputy Chief Escurive and general counsel. The Securities and Investments Board). Professor Ray Goode trepresenting Justice and Mr Mark Heldon (Limklaters and Paines).

Dinner The Electrical Contractors'

Mr John Harrower. President of the Electrical Contractors' Association, presided at the annual dinner held-last night at Grosve-nor House. The Right Hon John Gunner, Secretary of State for the Environment, was principal guest and speaker. Among those present

were:
Office Bearers from the Leading Trade
Associations. Confederations and
Federations, EETFU, the permanent
Civil Service. Members of Parliament
and leading figures and company
representatives from the electrical
Industry.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Claude Prosper Cre-billon, novelist, Paris, 1707; Thomas Malthus, economist and demographer, Rookery, Surrey, 1766: Christopher Sholes, pioneer of the typewriter, Mooresburg, Pennsylvania, 1819: Frank Harris, writer, Galway, 1886; Israel Zan-gwill, writer, Zionist and philanthropist, London 1864.

DEATHS: King Richard II reigned 1377-99, murdered at Pontefract Castle, 1400; John Had-DuChamp, Ernst, Giacometti, Magritte, Miro, Picabia, Man Ray and Tanguy, left estate valued at E8,228,240 net.

She feft her collection of 20th-century art, not accepted by the inland Revenue in satisfaction of inheritance tax, to the Scottish Gallery of Modern Art, her collection of silver cow creamers to the City of Leeds, her clothing (except furs) to the Converts Ald Society, and the remainder of her estate mostly to her. ley, pioneer of the sextant, East Barner, Hertfordshire, 1744; Cap-tain James Cook, explorer, mur-dered by natives, Hawaii, 1779; Sir William Blackstone, jurist, London. 1780: Henry Mandslay, inventor of the metal lathe, London, 1831; William Dyce, painter, London, 1864; William Canon John Charles Edwin Hayter, of Lymington, Hamp-shire, former chapiam to the Bishop of Singapore (the Right Rev John Leonard Wilson) 1942-45, and Sherman, Union General in the American Civil War, New York, 1891; Sir Pelham (P.G.) Wode-house, writer, New York, 1975; Sir

Julian Huxley, biologist, London, 1975; Frederick (Fritz) Loewe, composer, Palm Springs, 1988. The Greu Ormond Street Hosnital for Sick Children, London, admitted its first patient, 1852. Marcini began regular broadcasting transmissions from Essex, 1922.

The St Valentine's Day massacre trok place in Chicago, 1929.
The German battleship Bismarck was launched, 1939. The Bank of England was nationalised 1946.

DEATHS

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.H. Drese and Miss C.de P. Gauvain
The engagement is announced
between Markus, son of the late

Mr W.H.B. Drese and of Mrs A.E. Drese, of Dusseldorf, Germany, and Claire, daughter of Colonel Ade P. Gauvain, read, and Mrs Gauvain. of Bishops' Sutton. Mr S.M. Freeday

and Miss T. Barnett The engagement is announced between Simon Michael, son of Mr and Mrs L. Freedman, of Oakwood, London, and Trudi, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Barnett, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr D.B. Gilbert and Miss P.A. Gardner The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Barry Gilbert, of Walsall, West Midlands, and Patricia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Gardner, of Kings Norton, Birmingham

and Miss L.A. Farnworth The engagement is announced between Cynan, eldest son of Mr W.M. Jones, of Llangybi, Dyled and of Ms M.R. Jones, of Aberarth, Dyled, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Mrs J.A. Farnworth and the late Mr. W. Farnworth, of Gresford, Clwyd.

Mr D.S. MacDonald and Miss C. Morley-Fletcher and Miss C. Morkey-Flencher
The engagement is announced
between Dorian Stephen, son of
Mrs Margaret MacDonald and
the late Mr Douglas MacDonald,
of East Grinstead, West Sussex,
and Mirmie, daughter of Mrs
Susan Morley-Fletcher and the
late Mr Charles Morkey-Fletcher,
of Chelses

Mr J. Mills and Mrs R.E.A. Woods

The engagement is announced between John Mills and Rachael E.A. Woods, nee Farrant, both of Edinburgh. Mr O. Ostia

and Miss LA. Guinness and Miss LA. Gunness
The engagement is announced between Olav, only son of the late Monsieur Jacques Ostin and of Madame Ene Balder, of Megeve. France, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. John Gunness, of London, and Norfolk. Mr P.G. Pinnock and Miss P.A.P. Grosvenor

The engagement is announced between Peter Gavin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pinnock, of Milton Malsor, Northamptonshire, and Petra Antonia Primrose, daughter of the Hon William and Mrs Grosvenor, of Poisgrove, Woburn, Bedfordshire.

and Miss F.K.

Douglas-Robertson The engagement is announced between Douglas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Mark Petheram, of Fulham, London, SWo, and Fiona. younger daughter of Mr James Douglas-Robertson, of Brightwellcum Sotwell, Oxfordshire, and of Mrs. Hildegard Douglas-Robert-son, of Fulham, London, SW6.

Dr S.L. Preston and Dr R.L. Ginks The engagement is announced between Sean, son of Dr and Mrs John Preston, of New Jersey, USA. and Rebecca, daughter of Dr. William and Dr Susan Ginks, of Jersey, Channel Islands.

Mr D. Scriven and Miss S.R. Nugent The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mr Tim Scriven, of London, and Mrs

Scriven, of London, and Valerie Scriven, of London, and Sheelin Rose, daughter of Mr David Nugent, of Wexford, Republic of Ireland, and Lady Eliza Mays-Smith, of Chaddleworth, Berkshire. Mr G.P. Sorensen and Miss E.M. Coyle-Camp

The engagement is announced between Gordon, son of Mr R. Ber Sorensen, QC, and Mrs Joyce Sorensen of Ottawa, Canada, and Elizabeth, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Peter Camp and Mrs Elizabeth McGlade Camp, of Ottawa, and Hertfordshire. Mr P. Spratt

and Miss D. Chidell
The engagement is announced between Phillip, only son of Mr and Mrs G.W. Spratt, of Aukt. near Brissol, and Dinah, younged developed Mrs. G.W. Spratt, of Aukt. daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C.L. Chidell, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.N. Wildman and Miss C.O.B. Taylor The engagement is announced between Nigel Wildman and Caro-

Marriages Mr S.P. Marsh and Miss J. Stephens
The marriage took place quietly at
Club Caribbean, Jamaica, on
January 31, of Simon Peter, elder

son of the late Mr and Mrs Peter Marsh, of Formby. Lancashire, and Janet, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Stephens, of Crosby Liverpool. Mr A.N. Stewart and Mrs L.I.G. Dove

The marriage took place in Oak-ham on February 12, between Mr Andy Stewart and Mrs Lucy Dove

Latest wills

Mrs Gabrielle Muriel Keiller, of Shockerwick, Avon, the champion golfer, benefactor and collector of cinded work by artists such as Bellmer, Breton, Dali, Delvaux, DuChamp, Ernst, Giacometti,

priest in charge of Kuala Lumpur at the time of the Japanese invasion of Malaya in December 1941, left estate valued at £297,452 net He left £85,000 and his shares in the Churcher Estate, Darwin, to personal legatess, and the residue equally between Bolder Church, lymingnon, the Lending College Chapel Fund and the USFG. Mr James Thomas Breen, of

Luton, Bedfordshire, left estate valued at £129,260 net.
He left £1,500 to the Department of Social Security Invalidity Pensions Department, £1,000 as the Inland Revenue Income Tax Division, £2550, some effects and 1/3rd of the residue to personal legaters, and

Other estates include met, before Mr Arthur Frederick Miller, of

Looe, Cornwall......... ESSS,560. Mr Neil Nathaniel Saunders, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire £923,039. Mr Richard Harry Burgess, of

London SW6 El C'4,127
Mrs Olive Christine Thoriton Clough, of Hove, East Super E712,299

Mr Robert Marcus Earl, of Weston Hills, Lincolnshire _ £1,839,142 Gloucester ... Mr Lynn Housley Evans, of Cardiff £1 792 486 _£1,792,486 Cardiff E1,792,486
Mr. George William Fisher, of
London NW10 E711,659 Mr Giacomo Gorrara, of London WCl. 5869,049 Mr Peter Leonard Mason, of Kings Lynn, Norfolk [1,088,975

Lecture

Wellington Society
Mr Stephen Green, Curator of the MCC's collection at Lord's Cricket Ground, delivered the Wellington Society lecture yesterday at the Wellington Hospital, St John's Wood, Mr Basil Helal presided.

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BIRTHS
ALORIDGE - On February 8th. to Christina (nee Dinamock) and Richard. a daughter. Roste Freya. a sister for Polity and Sam. AVERY - On 5th February. Ic Nicholas and Alixandra unde Simmen). a caughter. Padged Charlotte. a sixter for Honor. BICHON - Chara was born at The Portland Hospital on February 5th to the delight of her brother Guillaume and her parents Corinne and Herve Bichon. BIGGS - On 5th February. Ic Warren and Christina (nee Dandridge). a son, Edward Charles Warren, a brother for James. COLLIER - On February 12th 1996. to Rachel unde Tarnoy, and Dominic, a brother for Sem. DAY - On February 12th, to Michael and Sophy (nee Pilkington), a daughter. Coorgia Briony.
EASTELL - On 6th February at Pembury Hospital, in Jame (née Tomper) and Nell. à daughter, Grace Lity Jame, a sister for Rose.
nopales - On Fernary 10th, to Jacqueline and David, a son. Benjamin Carew, a brother for Jacqueline's daughters Annabel and Lary.
February to Tracy and Iso. a son. Charles Alexander lan. a brother for Sophie. MUNEENT - On 6th February, to Rocemery and Jonathus, 300. Timothy Edward

STORK - On February 9th, to

Sophie (née Macarthur Ordow) and Peter, a son. Prederick George Louis.

Francisca George Louis.
SWAN - On Petrusty 2nd
1995, to Susaman tode Noy
Scott) and Matthew, a son,
Patrick Christopher Noy.

Patrick Caristopher Nos-TEMPESTINI - On February 10th at The Portland Hospital to Anna and Kavin. 2 begutiful daughter. Rebecca Viota Tempestini.

BIRTHS Titley - On February 13th, to Kate (née Aspinali) and Philip. a daughter. Molly Charlotte Babington. February 8th. to Janet Inde Davies) and Andrew, a son, Matthew Rhys William. a Mother for Hambah.

DEATHS BATES - Coin Craicishanks
FCGI C.E.ng aged 82.
Peacefully in hospital in
Cultiford on 9th February
1996 after long suffering
which was courageously
borne. Dearty loved husband
of Zena Evelyn and Eather in
Coim and Zena. Funderl of
Guildford Crematerium on
Monday 19th February at
11.30 am. Family Rowers 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Depations if wished to British Heart Foundation c/o Messre Matthews Limman & Scarff, 34 Artillary Lane, London

BECKETT - James Camim (Professor) 12th February 1996 peacefully at Second Private Nursing Home in his St Thomas Parish Church. Egiantine Avenue. Bellast, tomorrow Thursday 15th February at 11 am. followed by interment in Sullinderry Parish Churchyard. Deeply regretted by his many kiends.

ROHM - Joanna Cecilia (Hand) peacefully on Friday 5th February, after a long illness: Mourned by her children Nicky. Antonia. family and friends. Cremation at West Heris Cretastochus et 12.30 pm on Wednesday 21st February. Any donations to Medical Foundation for Victims of Torbre or Art Collections Pund or Sowers. Enquires c/o Cootchilds Funerals. St Albems. (0).727) 553177.

DEATHS CASE - North Mary - died peacefully on 10th February at Royal United Hospital - Bath - aged 55 years Funeral Service to be held at Haycombe Crematorium on Monday 19th February at 12 paces. Flowers by E. Hooper & Sen. 13 St James Parade. Bath, HA1 1UL.

GRIFFITHS - Neal Steadmen, bushand of Maureen, father of James and Emma, died peacefully on February 12th. Funeral Baswich Crematorium. Stafford. 3.50pm Friday 16th February. No flowers. Decadlons if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care or Macmillan Nurses r/o W. Emery & Son Funeral Directors. The Laurets, County Road. Stafford.

HALL - Johanna "Jook" (the Carp) suddenly on 9th February 1996, much towed mother of Henry and Roland. Will be sadly missed by family and triends. Funeral Service at St. James's Church. Fulmer. Bucks. on Friday 16th February at 11.15 am. Flowers or donations if desired for ridding for the Disabled Association c/o Arnold Funeral Service. 38 Cak End Way, Cervards Cross, Bucks. 91.9 EBR.

HARDING - Phyllis on 12th February 1996 at Sue Ryder Home. Chellerham. In peace with her children beside her. Devoted wife of the late Col. Denis Harding, beloved and loving mother and grandmother. Will be sadly paised by all who knew and loved her. Service at Carstenurch, Chellenham on Tuesday 20th February at 11.15 am followed by private cranation Faintiff dovers only donations in her memory to Sue Ryder Home. Lechampton Coart. C/o Selim Smith & Co. Ltd.. 74 Prestbury Read. Chellenham, Glos.

DEATHS HAMPTON - On February 10th, Eugenie Hampton. OBE, DL. JP, at home after a long tilners. Service at Aldershot Crematorium at 9.30 am on Thursday February 15th. Family nowers only. but doubtims to Marie Curie Cancer Care. A public Memorial Service will be arranged.

HENDERSON - Strik inte-Walter). Wife of the late Robert McLaren Henderson, adored mother of Clefford and Robert, gradmother. On February 13m at Meadlunk Numing Home, Batternes, aged 86, ofter a long and palant illness. HENDERSON . MIMBURY - Rowenz Edito (née Ronald), of Kinsley House, Knighton, Powys, Born Armadale, NSW, 1903.

Countert - Peacetain at home on February 11th 1996 after a long tilness borne with great courage. Brian Joseph. Leutenant Colonel, refired of the Since & Royals, aged 60 years, of the tenterant Colonel, refired of the Since on the second of the Since on the second of the Since on the second of t Mangersbury, Slow-on-D Wold, Clos. Beloved husba Wold, Gros. Secreta Inssement of Sheena. Edward. Cristian and to Roste and Laura. Private family funeral service. Memorial Service to be announced later. All enquiries to W.J. Wright Princial Director, Well Lans, Stow-on-the-Wold. (01461 631829).

MACKENZIE - Hogh Rorle suddenly on Sunday February 11th 1996. In hospital. The beloved son of Cive. brother of Gilian and Single. Funeral Service at St. James the Great Church. South Leigh. Ozon. on Monday February 1996, at 12.30 km. Family flowers only, Gunzilons if desired to Friends of John Warin Ward. Churchell Oxford Raddiffe Hospital. Old Road. Headington. Oxford.

MARRYAT - Robert on 11th February 1996 peacefully after a long liness bravely borne aged 55 years. Belowed imphand of Donnier dearty loved father of the Justice and Jacony and grandfather of Nicky. Chris. Sur. Andrew and Michael. Donnidons. if wished, to the BRAL c/o the States Treasury, Guerrassy. He will be runsembered for what he was: a truly good and wise man.

MATHIAS - this Wrobell on February 10th. 1996, peacefully aller a valiant struggie. Barbara, in her 46th year. Dearly leved by her hesband Robert, her children James and Mia, her brother James and Mia, her brother David and Mia. Private cremation, All are welcome at the Thankspring Service at St Peter's Charch, Limpsfield, Surrey on Saturday February 24th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but demailions please to Berburn Midniso Fand (for oversan cancer), e/o National Westpikatar Hank, Berkeley Square, WIX 6AX. WIX 6AX. RIDDELL-BLOUNT - Anne on 9th February 1996 in her 79th year, peacefully of the Royal Free Hospital, Hampshead Furthed by the Ribes of the Church, Stape of Beanor and the late Patty and auni of isabelle and Julian, Funeral Mass om Priday, 16th February 1996 at Mapledurham House, Mapledurham mear Cavershams, Oxfordshire, Flowers of J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marioes Road, London Wr S.A.

PERRY - John of Wallington, Survey, Much loved Iroquand of Hilary, father of Jacqueline and Stanon and grandfather of Sarah. Puneral Sevice at All Saths. Church, Bassiand. Survey, Jum Friday 10th February, Floracys to W.A. Translove & Son Ltd., 109 Stafford Road. Wallington. Survey SMG.

ROHAN - George Alexander, reddenly on Patrumy. Sin aged 85. Beloved father of Gabriella and Caroline, resul grandisther to their chidren and former hosband to Searne. A resurciable man who will be greatly mined by make. Private family funeral, Memorial Service to be arranged. Flowers. If degreed, and enquiries to E. Larner & Son. 346 Upper Richmond Reed. Putney, Lendon SWIS. Tel: (0181) 788-2942. PLUNKETT - Name and 16
peacetally on February 13th,
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Thursday February 15th
3pm at Great Two Church,
Family flowers only.
Domations to 88 Michael's
Church, Great Twy. f.AMUELSON - Peter Bernard. Artist. died beacefully in the Horton General Hospital, Bushing on Monday, 12th February, tend 52 years.

DEATHS DEATHS POWELL - Dr. Thomas Philip Streat Powell, FRS, FRCS, Emerius Fellow of St John's Oxford, died February Sih, all RUH Bath, after a short illness. Leaves a widow isshelle, children Philip and Rosallind and two granddguighters. Private funeral, family flowers only. Donations. If desired, to Arthriths and Rheumathem Council c/o L.J. Cayan, 12 Charlton Road, Koyreham. Bristot.

SMART - "Ted" Edward George Smart passed penceruly away after a short Ement on 22rd January 1996 aged 83. Belovad husband of Doris and much loved father of John, Catherine, Anita and Andrey.

TWIST - Anthony, on January 24th, beloved impend of Jean and Infler to Curoffine. Rosalind and Dominic and grandfather.

STAPYLTON-SMITH - On SIR Penruny 1996, Anno. died Suddenly and unexpectedly, and 72 years. Despiter of the last Miles and Marioria Stapylion-Smith, stear of the last Siewart and of Robert. Functal Service at St Mary's. Church, Techust on Friday 16th Fabruary at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations. If desired, to Cacce Research Fund c/o C. Waterhouse & Boss, High Street. Burwash, E.St. Tel. (0)438) 882219. WERCHAM - John William on 13th February, peacefully at home. Funeral at St. Andrew's Church, Linton Road. North Oxford. 11.15am, barial at Almagon. hear Salisbury. 4 pm blonday 19th February.

SHARP - Kathleen Frances
died peacefully on 9th
February at her home in
February at her home in
February at her home in
February as 45. The
funeral service will be at 5t
Michel and All Angels
Church, Bedford Park, W4
on Thursday 22nd February
at 2.30 pm. The Service will
be taken by The Reversid
Terry Boller, The Reception,
is to be at the Church Hall at
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12 noon Saturday March
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Torbuy & District Pomeral
Service. Torquey [e]:
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VICE-ADMIRAL SIR STEPHEN CARLILL

.Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen Carlill . KBE, CB, DSO, last British commander of the Indian Navy died on February 9 aged 93. He was born on December 23, 1902

STEPHEN CARLILL was the last British Chief of Naval Staff in India. His departure from Delhi on April 21. 1958, nearly 11 years after Indian Independence, closed a significant chapter in the history of the two countries. He was the last British officer to command one of India's armed services, and his task had been to nurse the Indian Navy towards independence, not only in the matter of naval personnel but in developing institutions such as the fine modern training station at Cochin on the west coast of india.

But although it had fallen to Carlill to sever many of the links between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy, he had aimed to stress the special camaraderie which existed between the two navies. A state of dependence was giving way, he hoped, to a spirit of friendly competition between two equals (although of course the Indian Navy was considerably the smaller of

Carlill had been popular in India and he, in his farewell broadcast, said that he had "immensely enjoyed" his service there, during which he had invariably received the greatest cooperation from his colleagues and from the Indian Government. In the Royal Navy he had formerly had a distinguished career as a gunnery secialist and destroyer commander.

Stephen Hope Carlill was the son of Harold Flamank Carlill, a civil servant at the Board of Trade. There was no naval tradition in the family, but Carlill had always wanted to go to sea and went to the naval colleges Osborne and Dartmouth. He was a keen sportsman, and he played hockey, squash, cricket and tennis, as well as rugby for the Royal Navy in 1928.

He first went to sea in 1920, serving in home and Mediterranean waters. In 1927 he qualified as an interpreter in German. He studied the language in the Black Forest under Professor Willie Nohe, at the same time as Hugh



Gaitskell, with whom he became friends. The two went on a walking tour together, and Terence Rattigan later wrote a play about this unusual establishment, French Without Tears (Rattigan changed the language in order to avoid the wrath of Nohe). Carlill met his future wife there, Nohe's daughter Hilla, whom he married in 1928.

Carlill specialised in gunnery. He was gunnery officer in the cruisers Norfolk in the Atlantic Fleet and Dunedin in New Zealand, and in the battle-cruiser Hood, from which he was promoted to commander in 1937. For the next two years he was squadron gunnery officer in the Galatea. flagship of the Mediterranean flotilia.

Shortly after war broke out, he joined the training and staff duties division at the Admiralty, but in April 1940 resumed sea service in command of the new Hunt class destroyer Hambleton. When she was damaged by a mine, he moved into a sister-ship, the Farndale, where in 1942 he was awarded the DSO. It was the Farndale which in December 1941 sank the Italian submarine Ammiraglio Caracciolo while she was on passage from Libya to Italy. Carlill took 53 prisoners before discovering that among these were a number of Italian senior military officers who had been trying to get home.

On promotion to captain in 1942 he was appointed to the new destroyer

Quilliam as captain of the 4th destroyer flotilla, seeing action in the Eastern Fleet and during the landings in Sicily and at Salerno, for which he was mentioned in dispatches. From 1944 until the end of the war he served in the Gunnery Division of the Naval Staff as deputy director.

In 1946 he was appointed Chief of Staff to Admiral Lord Fraser. Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, and communed with his successor, Admiral Sir Denis Boyd until 1948. subsequently commanding the gun-nery school HMS Excellent and the carrier Illustrious. Following his promotion to rear-admiral in 1952, he was appointed to the directing stall of the Imperial Defence College then to command of the Home Fleet Training Squadron, being promoted to vice-admiral in 1954. From 1955 to 1958 Carlill was Chief of

Naval Staff in India. His leavetaking in April from the New Delhi railway station was celebrated with suitable pomp. White uniformed naval person-nel were there in strength, and Carlill and his wife were saluted by the assembled naval ratings, and by the new Chief of Staff. Vice-Admiral Katari with the words: "Admiral Carlill and Lady Carlill Ki Jai" (Victory to Admiral Carlill and Lady Carlilli. They left Bombay on the liner Strathmore. A 15-gun salute was fired, aircraft flew past and officers and men of the Royal Indian Navy cheered.

In recognition of his exceptional work Carlill was made an honorary vice-admiral in the Indian Navy -- the first British officer in modern times to hold an honorary flag rank in any service outside the Royal Navy. He retired in 1959, having been made a CB in 1954 and created KBE in 1957.

He worked until 1966 for the West Africa Committee, which guarded the interests of a group of businesses, first as their representative in Ghana and later in London. He then retired to Milford on Sea, where he grew roses and was surrounded by grandchildren and dogs, one of which he named Quilliam, after the ship he had commanded during the war.

Bogotá. His wife died in 1991, and he is survived by their two sons.

NEIL FRANKLIN

Neil Franklin, Stoke City, Hull City and England centre-half, died on February 9 aged 74. He was born on January 24, <u> 1922.</u>

IN THOSE haloyon days when what are now known as centre-backs still used to be called centre-halfs. Neil Franklin was the finest of them all. In the history of the game there has probably been no more accomplished footballer in an England defence than he was. Sir Stanley Manhews, his Stoke City and England colleague, considered him superior, as a con-structive defender, even to the late Bobby Moore.

Cornelius Franklin was born in Sneiton, Stoke-on-Trent. After the end of the Second World War he was the unchallenged England centrehalf for 27 consecutive matches. He had gained 12 wartime caps as the successor to the iecendary Stanicy Cullis, But Franklin's career was then disrupted by a secret and ill-advised departure from Stoke City in the spring of 1950 for the Santa Fe club of Bogotá, Colombia.

Together with George Mountford. Stoke's outside right. Franklin and his family left for Bogota, having signed contracts immediately after the conclusion of the domestic season and without informing Stoke. He had told the Football Association that he would not be available for the imminent World Cup finals due to be played in Brazil - En-gland's first participation in this event - because his wife Vera was expecting their second child, and he wished to be with her. Vera planned, in fact, to have the baby in

This was the era of the maximum wage of £20-a-week in English football and no



player had signed for a League club. Stoke had refused Franklin's request for a move, in spite of the fact that Bob McGrory. Stoke's manager, disliked Franklin's stylish, intelligent game. In his autobi-ography Soccer at Home and Abroad (1956) Franklin wrote: "I have never been able to understand why I should be expected to hurt a fellow player. Any lout can knock a man off a ball. It needs a footballer to take the ball off an opponent."

A number of English players were tempted by South American money but the experience of Franklin and others was to leave little but disillusionment. (Colombia was free to entice foreign players in freedom of contract once a breach of existing contracts

because it was not affiliated to FIFA, the world governing body.)

In the event, having been assured of the provision of a house but finding themselves accommodated in an hotel instead. Vera decided to fly home for the birth. Franklin, by agreement with Santa Fé. accompanied her as far as New York but finding no flight booked for his wife - as had been promised -- also flew back on impulse to England.

For breach of contract at Stoke (The nicest player we ever signed," the Stoke chairman said in his defence at the disciplinary hearing) and for his deception of the FA. Franklin was suspended without pay until the following year. An illustrious career had been effectively destroyed.

Although, for a £22,500 transfer fee, he subsequently joined Hull City, where the manager was his former international colleague Raich Carter, Franklin was never again selected for England. The English team tried a dozen centre-halves during a downward spiral over the next four years but had no luck until Billy Wright was switched to that position in 1954.

A crowd of 55,000 greeted Franklin's first appearance for Hull, but a later cartilage injury curtailed his success. After brief moves to Crewe Alexandra, Stockport and Macclesfield, he became a player manager with Wellington in Shropshire, then man-ager of Colchester in the Football League, leading the club to promotion from the fourth division in 1966. He retired two years later to

become a publican. He was twice married, marrying his second wife, Beryl, in 1968. He is survived by her, a son and a daughter from his first marriage and a stepson from his second.

GENERAL ADOLF GALLAND

Adolf Galland, German wartime fighter ace, died on February 9 aged 83. He was born on March 19, 1912.

A FLYER who was among Germany's top aces of the Second World War, Adolf Galland commanded the fighter arm of the Luftwaffe from the end of 1941 until 1945: Credited with 103 kills by Luftwaffe statisticians, he was a tactician skilled in the handling of fighter forces. He glider pilot while in his teens. always attributed the In 1932 he joined Germany's Lufts affe's defeat in the Battle of Britain to the fact that it was negoroperiy deployed by Goering, who used its fighters as a strategic rather than as a tactical weapon.

Thus, the Messerschmitt Mei09 was used as a bomber escort - a role for which its short range made it unsuitable - rather than being used to attack the RAF's fighters. The flawed German system of using Luftflotten, air fleets of mixed fighters and bombers. rather than organising them as separate commands told against them when they were concentrated against the numerically inferior but tactically superior RAF in the summer of 1940.

Throughout the war Galland was a fearless critic of his boss, Hermann Goering, whom he regarded as being unfit for the command he held. With his thick, black hair and moustache, easy grin and cigar clamped between his teeth, even when airborne, Galland was a reassuring figure to his young pilots, and after he attained general's rank always remained "one of the boys".

Adolf Galland qualified as a

commercial airline. Lufthansa, and when it was formed, transferred to the Luftwaffe. He flew 300 missions for the Kondor Legion during the Spanish Civil War and gained much valuable experience of operations.

At the outbreak of the Second World War Galland was in a training post and took no part in the air operations of the Polish campaign. But by April 1940 he was back to active service in fighters and took part in the air attacks which supported the invasion of the Low Countries and France in May 1940. As an officer in the celebrated Jagdgeschwader 26 he played a prominent part in the Battle



of Britain, making a name for himself along with Werner Mölders and Helmut Wick as: one of the most successful nilots on the German side. In August he was appointed to lead a fighter group in the battles which raged in the skies over the Channel and the South East of England. In the following year he was involved in countering the RAF's daylight fighter sweeps over France.

Much of Galland's success as a fighter pilot was due to his never underestimating his op-

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ponents: unlike Goering he did not make the mistake of disparaging the RAF's capacities at the outset of the Battle of Britain. Indeed, he is said jokingly to have told the latter when questioned as to Luftwaffe needs during the battle, that a squadron of Spitfires would benefit the

performance of his Gruppe. Mölders had been made Inspector of Fighters in 1941 but was killed in an air crash later that year and in Novem- : ber Galland was appointed to succeed him. In the following year he was promoted to become, at 30, the youngest general in the German armed

For the next two years it was his melancholy task to attempt to orchestrate an air defence for the Third Reich against the numerically and technically superior air forces of the Western allies, and to witness the total destruction of his .command under the relentless night and day onslaught mounted by the RAF and the US 8th Army Air Force, it was a tribute to his qualities as a leader that he was nevertheless continually able to inspire his pilots whose numbers daily dwindled, especially heavy toll being taken of their

massive daylight raids of the American bomber squadrons with their powerful longrange fighter escorts.

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Nevertheless he was always alert to make the latest technical advances available to his pilots and continually strove for tactical innovations which would offset the Luftwaffe's inferiority in numbers. Thus such novelties as rocket and even bomb attacks were experimented with, against the tightly packed American bomber formations. Although rising to high

command, he retained the mentality of, and sympathised with, the problems of the front line pilot with whom he was prone to side in the frequent arguments between the operational units and the Supreme Command. In particular, he was a severe critic of Hitler's initial decision to deploy the new Me262 jet fighter - which would have given the Luftwaffe a perhaps decisive air superiority over the Allies - only as a fighter bomber.

This stance made him enemies and in January 1945 he was relieved of his command when Goering ordered him on permanent leave without naming a successor. However. he did fly operationally again and was shot down in combat with an American Mustang fighter a formight before the

end of the war.

After the war Galland pursued his interest in commercial and military aviation and was for a period a consultant and adviser to the Argentine Air Force.

Galland typified to a degree the chivalry which existed between combatants in the air and was a popular figure at the air force reunions of his old adversaries. He was, for example, a welcome figure at the thanksgiving service for the life of the legless RAF ace Sir Douglas Bader, in St Clement Danes Church in the Strand, in 1982.

He was married with two children.

ALEXANDER SEDGWICK

Alexander Sedgwick. American journalist, died in Athens on January 19 aged 94. He was born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, on February 8, 1901.

A PROFOUNDLY cultured man, Alexander ("Shan") Sedgwick was a great lover of poetry and would recite it with surprising ease even when he complained that old age had weakened his memory. He kept a dog-eared copy of the Oxford Book of English Verse always within reach, even on his deathbed. But it was in the less gentle art of journalism that Sedgwick really made his name. As a foreign correspondent for The New York Times throughout the Second World War, he covered the Balkan scene and the Greek-Italian from in Albania from his base in Athens. He fled Greece, as the

German Army approached the capital in April 1941, and set up his base in Cairo. From there he covered the Desert campaign of the British Eighth Army, reporting the battle of El Alamein. Characteristically, he neglected to inform his editors in New York that he himself had been wounded in the battle.

Sedgwick's reminiscences of the Albanian and Desert campaigns produced his first book Wind Without Rain, a social satire. Later, in a second book Tell Sparta, he recounted what had happened in the war and the story of the Resistance in Greece.

In October 1944, as the Germans were bearing a hasty retreat from Greece, Sedgwick joined Brigadier George Jellicoe's Special Boat Squadron at Megara in order to be with the first British troops to enter Athens. In 1947 he was appointed an honorary OBE for his wartime reporting. Alexander Cameron

Sedgwick was born in a fine 18th-century house, one of the



architectural showpieces of Stockbridge. His family was of British lineage and, with a deep sense of tradition, he was always to remain proud of his ancestral heritage. He felt a loyalty towards the British people and a love for practically all things British. At the age of 19 he took a job as a deckhand in a cattle-ship and worked an uncomfortable passage to the UK, - "the Old Country", as he liked to call it.

After graduating from Har-vard in 1924, Sedgwick was recommended by his uncle. then editor of the Atlantic Monthly, for a post at the New York World. His employers, however, soon decided that he was a "pinko". He used to tell this story with amusement since later in life he was often accused of belonging to the "far Rìght". He was, for instance, the only American correspondent who treated the 1944 Athens putsch as a Moscow conspiracy to bring Greece into the Soviet orbit rather than a revolt of oppressed democrats.

His reporting during and after these events showed a clear understanding of British

policy in Greece at a time when it was being vigorously challenged both at home and in the United States. This experience, and the Civil War that ensued, inevitably hardened his ideological approach. and after his retirement it induced him even to express sympathy for the Greek colonels who, taking advantage of the turmoil in Greek politics. seized power in 1967.

His first assignment with The New York Times in 1925 was as a junior police reporter. a job he endured until 1928. He then moved to Europe where he worked as a shorry salesman while writing his first novel. After briefly joining the Associated Press, he rejoined The New York Times in 1937, becoming a member of its staff in 1939 and filing for it regularly throughout the Second World War. From 1944 until his retirement in 1961, he served as the New York Times correspondent in Greece and Turkey. He is survived by his wife

Roxanne Sotiriadi, the daughter of a Greek professor of archaeology. There were no children.

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THE LOVE LETTERS OF GENERAL BOOTH. A NOTABLE LIFE STORY.

Mr. Harold Begbie has not spared paper and print in his "Life of William Booth" published to-day by Macmillan. In the two thick volumes in which he tells the story of the founder of the Salvation Army there must be close on 400,000 words, and the author, as well as the General, often repeats himsel

The man was a born lighter and a born leader of men. He was wilful, headstrong, passionate and fond of fun. But as a child he was not happy. No the age of 13 he was apprended to a Unitarian pawnbroker, and two years later, after a struggle with his conscience, which led him to humble himself by confession to another boy whom he had wronged, he decided of his own accord "to go in for God." A little later, influenced by the call of the for Cod." A mue later, intheraces by the call of the streets, he began to do mission-work among the boys of the Nottingham shams. At the end of his six years' apprenticeship he came to London, and while continuing his double career of pawn-broking and street-preaching met Catherine Mumford, the high-minded and altogether exceptional girl who afterwards became his wife. The letters that passed between them while they stood on the threshold of the wonderful love story

of their life are singularly beautiful. Hers were full of the tender advice of the woman who must

mother the object of her love. " My dearest love."

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The life of General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was never uneventful and often tempestuous, and it is clear from Mr Begbie's biography how much he owed to his remarkable wife, Catherine Mumford.

she writes, "beware how you indulge that dangerous element of character—ambition. Misdirected, it will be everlasting ruin to yourself and, perhaps, to me also ... Don't indulge in ambition to be either a revivalist or anything else . . . Watch against mere animal excitement in vour nevival services."

He, for his part, wrote often of his preaching experiences as well as of his love and his persona needs: "My dearest and most precious love, --- just scribble you a line. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were the most triumphant I ever witnessed under any circumstances . . . Last night twice or thrice I became alarmed, the excitement was almost overwhelming; I feared for the people.
I feared lest we should not be able to keep the rems of the meeting. The cries of distress were thrilling,

piercing, running, as one gentleman expressed it, through you to your finger ends. Some were violent, commenced shrieking, clapping the forms, etc.; these I stopped directly; in fact, all the more violent I stopped as soon as I could. If I doubted, as in two instances, sincerity, I stopped them authoritatively : if I had confidence in them I poured on the balm of Jesus' salvation and the sweet promises of His word, and they soon turned sweet professes of ris word, and mey soun formed their tears and wailing into joy. . Give my love to mother. Gut me two good shirts and two night whirts, I yard and 3 long at least, ready to send next week when I send you word. Farewell, Heaven bless and care for thee."

In 1865, after a period of wonderful success as a revivalist preacher, during which most of the chapels as well as the churches shut their doors in his face, he came again to London. Ten years of work in the East-end streets brought him at lust to the conviction that the only way by which the people whom he was trying to save could really be changed was by making them in their turn seekers and savers of the lost. It was this conviction that eventually led him in 1878 to found the Salvation Army.

Mr. Begbie presents with judicious restraint and perfect fairness the contrast between the two remaining phases of General Booth's life—the period of the army militant, when almost every man's hand was against it, and the later patriarchal period, when, as his biographer says: He ceases to be an object of scorn: he became a hero of the world".

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B. fancy you more than ever talking is the only solution LASK as always H. BIBBLES, Dived in and almost drowned, calling mask my affection, Bubbles from Martin,

BIGBUM My bornes are old, the room is cold, not time is abbing fast, but it always instruct, sance I first may you, sance I first may you, our jove was built to last. Powerful Paddy. All Education Induced Out Unity
- from one im Earl to another. #IG SARS nearly 21 years. all my joue F... Stain. io fell now). Lots of love X BILL J We know you reed these to here's a big Happy Valen line's Day from Konsignion. Cheers, Baethel and Bob. time, my love for you gets stren-ger everyday Thank you calendine, I love you Anita. ARJA BB. Did you miss me? All my love Sully 27?

CARINO Tequiero testimo tentecesilo tupo chatti.

CAROLE Pan gaiactic ranager? International sulfer? Unemployed surfer of the networks? Which is it? All my love whichever. Tiper XOXO. CATKISE Ampacy Crucis can be very beautiful but only when you're here. Join me toon, Love

CH. CH. Eye, heart, U. Mo Reinbow, Infinity, M. CHARMAR, Thankyou for the support and vote. Love you for ever your NWOC. CHARLES STEWART You are always in my thoughts, my secret love surrounds you. If only I could left the world. J.J. CHARLOTTE Our dests are feet away, why must our hearts be nules apart ? Ben. CHERRYTES are red, my balls are blue, hurry home you ser machine, luttle Tiger needs you. CHILLI con Carney. My (avourity valenting dish. I'll Gevour you in March. OK? Love ?????????

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C J T VVMT five yours our love funion pleasure pain and deepes feelings. CLARE B. I never imagined that I would grow in want, to need and to towe you so much. Love don.

CLARE you are my surstine.

You are my life. be my valentine CLAIRE I have been planning to tell everybody what i'm about to say. That is, I love you! CLARE I've got a frog in my throat - which is silly. Much love G. Rivel Fred... CLIVE Shiret you're my obses-sion forget discretion I love you Lise. CLIVE h's so pice you being in my pic, love always Karen. CMM remember if you ever need a huggle i'm afways there 123. COCKER Loves your buby blue eites, Marry me Barbara. Stop my sights.

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ler's bave a serimit Love, MelDAVE, you are my Valenthe
boday and always. All my love.
Ruth.

DAVED The sextest, horniestintelligent MD around, you're
too good to waste, hope you
find someone extra special
referred you arely. With love
a friend, admirrer. S. XXX

DAVED Pricetty. I want to share
my returns with you for the rest
of my file.

DAVED set me good for you and DAVID let me good for you and your secupions because you are so good for the Suc.

DAVID Societone I adore you and I want the world to know.

All my love Sure. DAVID, darling life together grows more precious as time goes by ...MLP. DAVID true Valentine look to my ledder any time. All Los Muzz. DAVID Chart set you in Cheste Saturday night for direct. lov DAVID loves ples. David loves, likes/ once met Ltz. David ? DAVID You set me on fire. I love you. Your cellic princess. 7300 Days of Hesten. Berim, Mehlzo, Prispie, lowal I never loved amphody the way that I love you. Everythings about you Just you and Jesse, Jeck and Vincenti

NCE FOR WOMEN

E.D. You may be able to give reading, but I will never be a to give up loving you. Not en for a week. D.C.

SCHOOL SQ loves you more than School source than Meachego? You know you can plwaye trust a Raif

Forty five years-seem lik yesterday. If only it were!

Day, hope loads of love 30

moret S.H.H.D.D. XXXXX

EMMA I know I'm not for you but here's my love. Steven.

EMMA Pursey, Warren Street to Twickenham. Bad Boys & Sheries, Los Loces to Cut Latino, Golden Eye to Seven Klog Edward VII, to Kim Charles, True Romance, Love

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DEAREST Tweetypic Face, our happiness together and love for each other will last forever! Buston and

DEAREST Em my love is self bigger than the Behamouth Love Alam ID.

DEAR Jennia. All my love - Phil

Desiry U. R. daring existing burbly beautiful and yummy Tempt me. love R2.

OFLICTOUS Dec 1 love you and want everyone to loos. Please always be my Valentine. Thank you for everyoning Saily.

DELIPOPER WIN the Mendung return to true form? Love forever X

DARL Always my love, 1 love you hearts, spikes & sout. Hedgie.

DARLING E. Thank you for your love which means so much to me. I am always bere for you. Carly.

DARLING Rabbit. AHA! You mean more to me than I ever my. Lots of love. Michael.

DARLING PW You make me so happy, especially New Year's Eve Lone always. Dis.

Di Ride the wind with me babes, everythings possible. Let me fire your degree (without smoke). MIZZIE DOO, This one's for you with foodest love. David. DOCTOR Peter (AVP). I beer you are free now, how shoul some more long 'tunches'. from the Rep who loves beards. DOUGLE We'll share our love on Ambrodie's Mand. Til then, lust OREANINES in aurophysics mean negs and love on vermillon eve DR Richmond the long sessons of waiting have been thorn that worthwhite. You will alway have my heart, Miss Honey. DAZZLING Sparkling Debble de-lightful. de-licioux, de-streatie, de-lectable, de-vastaling, de-lovely, de-voted, de-maddening, De-menked. DUCKLING Ten years together and the more I know you. the more I love you

FVA Scholtz, although you're 6,000 miles gway, I want the whole world to know that I love this world to know that I love this world to know that I love the bower. EVELYN The embers of my emb tions you lanned into figures lose you madly and forever of EVE - Truly, madly, deeply?
Absolutely) Additionally:

F.M. The older one becomes the greater day loves G.P. F.W. I love you so much. Ranty. F.W. I love you so much. Ratty.
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but I will come spain my love.
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Vibratines Day with love
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Make my day be not vibratine.
house and cuddles are yours to
come STERGIT Re me show
you bow to play my sente.
FAYES Truly, madity, deeply, Le
caseer das Copeurs et Senetros! C.
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FR.ACTY. As the sum burns flycoigh, the day so do I love you, in the soft quiet hours of the night I love you. and even as the light I love you. and even as the light I lades from my eyes I will love you thereise. Philip. rooting for you. FIRST Rate, Each Capital Kine Loving Epithet. Loving Explor.

Loving Explor. Nat Can't with the high are year? C.

FIXED in six, Neuven in seven'. Law you Fred so int's get well!

Law you Fred so int's get well! FLOWER of the West is with without the Spirit.

FOOSE you're tost line K8 be my Valentine. yours forever luv

FOUR SEASONS a good do. M will miss you, 14th on our own. Southables love by phone. PRANCIS Of all the fish m all the sea. you are the one for ma. Like a saignon I will swim the counts and rivers of the world to catch you. Be my Velenitins. Pierre Trice Chevrons. FRANCES A gart who's turn, a gar? FRED You're very special, I had had to tell you. Love J. FRIZA Missing you, you're always in my thought, you're more than you know. I wish was with you darling. RIZZY bring back that bull from love Joshus. FROG. Come and call with the and I'll atways love you Pudding.

ever, think of you eve and your warm gentle Twix my love.

GASL ??? was I only a col shower at Tucker Mill 08/03/1989. ALASHIELS Sheffield Interest Barnel Burford Vall Stageon Hone Kong Bult Venice Jamas Jordan Cameron I love you t Fat Controller. GEORGE You that's blok hopes be my Valentine & maybe we' wallow in a swamp again some time. Love Big P xxx GELL Forether use dear thy love for you is very real I know that we are works apart Chelses Garl don't break my beart C.

GHRIAA, pething in time print is ever good news. The irousy of time, is, ray! terms and conditions; my love for you exhous mid it truly endicate. Jim K.

6K To a dear wife. For all your love, kindness and compassion-ship knough the years, they graditude and love. Chi. G, my special RWA. Let's make this a good one, bare with me my friend Luy u long R.W. XXXX. BOLD Card, silver wing, blue soorie car, mangive credit into. Nice But all that matters is your precious love and our wanderted finally. From Mr. Stores Manager.

GRAMASH YOU IS MY LIFE WITH SUSPENDED FOR SOME SUSPENDED FOR SUSPENDED F GRANT, Our love is warth, pre-close, and will always be the-sored. Forever by adoration, Jo. GREY predictable parenoid the man with no taste in clothes R.Y 23. GWIL, Life without you would be

H.L. Still loving after all these Yearst Joe Eister Dep. Din Peas. HALF A Day will become a life Unit. Never doubt your mine. I'm yours, have you. Mike. AMPER-POTTS Delicious los and scrumptions thoughts from so so and cherals close. HAMPSTER I love you with all my heart my mind and little. House passionately Teddy. HAMS on in there Vick. We'll make it through, Love Oct. from your devoted Saussige.

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HARROLDHI The very best and
the mest special, love. One TapROOTE. XOXONOXXXXXXX

HELEN E Missing you more that yesterday, less than tomorrow Love Space Man. HELEN on our second Valentine our love is util so true I just want to say I love you. HELENE est un escaped d'une beaute ravissants dont Henri est HELEN. Love to my Valentin from scross the sea. Alab. HELLO PIE, Love Squits. HELSEY Babe has my special Val-entine, lots of love Big P. HENNY My darking, forces lan't long enough, our love keeps growing. Pl.

ger here. Rust ger hore if you can. All my love, Hayler XX

HOMEY BEE Here's to the chang of life, Dick won't understand All my love, Homey Bee, HOOTHE, if you play these trucks to will left you a story. Hootie truck 4. Van Morrison-Days like this-truck 1, Sophie B Hawdons Whater-truck 6 & 8 & Meadons HOW becating you are and how pleasing. O love, with you delights Song 7V6 Margi. I love you. Your Maxi. HUANIME Princess, you are m valentine foreyer, passional love, Sand Writer.

HUMBETY Beards (ed. on her beed. RDL thought the was dead. H &S feared for her sur-vival bux Humsty's Endo ensured a revival. M. You're thy best friend. I lov you more so nertl XXXX FUNDAMENT SHI MAKING YOUTSELL GUISSIONS, Take 8 day off 2 left go to hower because it the end of the day it all blank day feelings are strong, is young?

I towe you Gigl. You are my soul most and the only person I swift want to be with. Mever doubt it. And Oreans is our secret. Fred. Big hours & kiness. Ten Phy. Exst. Big hours & kiness. Ten Phy. Exst. Big hours & kiness. Ten Phy. Exst. Big hours of kiness. Ten Phy. Exst. Big hours on the same for the calculation. love you now as I should have and so it will always be, I hope you understand that page now. you're on M.R.T. Love you Alan Layenck it's last that steple. You'v Aye I LOVE you buddhe men, the lak

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the long since gone, but the love
of this state former is as strong

JULIA loving you mare gets ear-ier every day and always

KATTE still the breeze blow, still old love keeps on the go.

CAT OME TO you I know I'm only a friend, my love for you shall show so end.

REY My number one, my less year proposal, please cruise through the rest of life with your best make. They

KINGA I thow you are so far away, I think of you every day.

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orinally nationed would to visit Hotel Minella for film eight and dirty dancing. HEER CLUB, eviden moderate activities among? Vertex server moderate provides the base and not have been as the first street year opened. The Times and not harves to the crossword first Love to Ger MANN. STILL love steek lines of SEC black beauty after 5 years. TCHY Bones I love you. Will you marry me? Your Walsh Wizard. VANHOE, My knight in rust

armour. You have captured heart. Forever and six Lady Rowens. WANDERED lonely as a cloud until I spied you, my love, my ioness. my leo. I love you Bartis. K, all the way to Taunton to meet a Times' man, Love you lots K. K.P. Happy Valentine's Day my darling - you shabby fellow it All- my love. From your beloved, xxxxx. KAREN We love you lots and lots and lots. Love from H. D + A. KAREN have I told you lately that I love you, love S. WAREN, Delta Atlanta flight, will want seat next to you. KATE I love you heaps, petal. Al my love JW XXX

> JANET NANCY WAINE **EACH YEAR**

'SIMPLY THE BEST' J.G. —My favourite gym teacher in the world. I love you. A.O. in the world. I light you all things, you, and I links, your, ago I love you. You say forever in my moughts, your, Charob.

LP, My heart, my soul, my whole being are yours forever. I love you. R.

J. Thinking of a new game for you, Amy, and you der shought.

LA, M.U. Sparia.

L away mo the light went out of J. 2 yrs spo the light went out of my tife, despite a full moon & and on my birthay, think of, you, miss you, love you mare everyater, please, let me know how you are, where ever you

JACK, Missing the s.w. JACKIE I'H love you more tomorrow then I do today.
Love Sylan. LOVE Syrian.

LARGE ONE Shenish pouries

JACKIS: Round, Did you hurt
yourself wheel you fell from
the adore you Forty. JACKS my bestest friend in all the world love you forever Gavey. you loads JARTES after all this time I can't believe we're together, picase be my valentine forever. Eyic. JAMES love, bittersweet, pressble, loosess my kindle I tremble. Yours Astenda LINDY T your golf is red. your eyes afen't blue, but where is the clue? Behind the mirrori. JAMES, Brief encounter the impl. atways beep the love you have. O.M.G.

LISA thereon yours and still going strong, now will you believe that I lave you, Michael. JAM, I love you more fodey than yesterday, but less than tomorrow. Be mine forever, John.
JAMISE We love you to pieces. Beautiful wife and edored Mammany, Yours ever. Richard and Lety Jamis LARKMAN I love you the whole widely workey and I sake 'will you many per JAW what can r say after all these years except I love you. Secretag Dick. LITTLE bear ab LITTLE squeezy burn we love and miss you Love Poppet 1 & 2.

LITTLE Building. Piggs Toxigs Missie-do. Big Building. Missie-do. Big Buddha. LITTLE panda, I love you more than ever. Big seal. TTLE donkey. Hey-ho I love the way we go. Chrystal Tips. LITTLE Butterfly. Forever will (woo thee thrice. All my love.). IEMMFER will you Brighten in Me ? PCM. CONTROL Bear is loved more seal -LCT toward you back in '89. Love you more now. Say you'll be my valentine.

LEZIS LOLLIPOP Lets confuse to some Yorkshire delight.
Love from Charich Valentine. JERNY My life is yours togethe with my love.

SEREMY. I loved you then. I love you now and I will love you for

you now and I will love you for ever, Johnna. IE TADORE Year so much so I will shut it regard.

JILL I love you loss, no million and billions and trillions of loss Have a wonderful Valentine love gran more love Graham

JIM My durling berns to Frescat in Francist. Love always your Melista.

JOAN DARLING My section Valentine 1984 elementy, at my low, John.

JOHN need tryent-risk Analysh of Frankfurt benir's tate but offer. Flant shareholder brains on pre-employr rights. You "First-Lady".

ONNEY 1944 1996 Starings, Sugarmers, two children, Automors, Windows, three grand children, All glorious loving, P.

JOHNNY Thought about your 429 times since we liest met. Will it be 5056 mire before we meet against Frankle.

JOYCE 10 Years together sing and store; side, much love, Buntie.



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MAXIME You top bird. Nog me & fog me, pog me & sog me, gog me, mog me & tog me, in the fog, Norman XXXX

MBA Thank you for 14 February 1995. You always were woo-derful & you still are. George

MEET me on the bridge, bring the ring, I'il, have the pink carnations, and together we'll find the church? Never stopped loving you, Social XXX.

MERT you at best beech! Looking forward to the rest of our lives together. Burney Chestes MBG I'm in you, your in me. I'm stand by you. As my love forever to my besulfful lady Calvin.

MELAHAT You're still the cookst girl strough Wose, I kee you, Annya.

ELANIE tonnes meses been

tonds bundles stacks of love you are saways on my saind The Plower Shop Boy

MELANIE, Don't get not big for your brai Love ya. Jimbo. Tomfom and BenilJOCOCK

MELLY, You're the best, be mine for always please. I love you mady. Your boy, T.D.

MEME I love you today and always whatever the weather sun and snow, Love Ciris Bird.

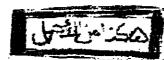
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MICHAEL Have I told you today how guch I love you?

dimosa cocse evers thanks for such a loving domestic year Ex Hawk. MINORI with love and licks from Majori and Tri Colori Mutt.

Wit85 ing - OK I would miss you.

hit.FOU - Hullo pussyral Fooled you thin little? What's the confident this year? Maybe Contempatory blinds? Loveya Maddave.



MAZ I lot e stau. my arrest super POV Paris Dismons. Marris Austria

SHEEA, my cars eyed beauty The adventure goes on with you east resette and us always closer Love atways. Jos. Jon.

BATTODY CONTRACT SAME AND GROUP XXX

SHENAKUS) love you to pieces. For ere. Don

ENGLU My love you're like a red red rose I leve you madb need desperatery Janzie

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\$ I love you more each hour, you will always be not flower Yours forever F.

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SMALL BEAR Hugging you is knowing you knowing you is loting you. I have you more each day fush

SMART ARSE - we may be alen-der but we're leader. I'll keep my ideam criff bit put for you i but you - Dunn Bunny sox

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TAJ. Its official! I love you, types
Iwo. He mile and pever let a
cross-word come between us!
Forever yours - D B

TEARS of sanshine from your eyes always reflect that certain moment when I first loved you.

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RICHARD after Nigeria are you still on this planet? Love Jean Please Repty to Box No S649

RICHARD Here are the words

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ps and makes to the paiding building building building. pecial dress com hammers. Love is Hopeless.

LUNA, my love for you is eternal, be mise forever cuddly turtle. LYM All my love as always dar ling, your own, Ray, YMDA: You give me builterflow illor cooks, your chocoiste eves could mail the arctic. I'm yours, ploase be mine lorever,

LYBRIE loads of love from the times men in your life. Love Ryan, Oliver and Populate.

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My forever valentine. Love always, Jamis.

MAXINE you top bird. Not me A

MUCHOS Gracias for your love. missing you lots Espanol Tel. MUFFIN, I have you big Red Ten, lots of kiness and memories of 22 July, Turty. RÜH Chine Zweck straking rings in Chicago without you, join MUTTON CHOP I'd love to rive at work. Love you with all my love. Poppie. 2000000.

MUTTON-CHOP I'd love to rive assistanted from your title land. My all woman woman. Let's make it work. Love you. Honey Summy. PANELA 30 years ago today and I'm still in love. Heavy Breakling Patcoffst. PAM lidison, my love for you knows no bottode, you are the centre of my world. PAM Like a fine wine our relationship masures better each year. Jack. PAM You are the level in my crown. Love from your treasure! "MY DARLING" Thank you for everything. God files you. With love. PAPA loves mems. Juno and Utah love mems "P" and "A" love mems we all love mems? June your PAPALOO I love you and yes you are worth it, love Shwens. MY Darling Helga - I want to eat you - Marco.

MY descript derling bally, my love for you goes beyond springs From your coddly leady bear MY descent Bob. Thank you for a wonderful three years, all my love forever. Lerrains. 25Y decrest E. Knowing you has charged my life much. All my love, siways your M. M You're the best fixing that ever happened to met with love for ever and always J.

ETAL I love you. Happy Vale tines Day. Purple Ronnie

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me. Fin nevet without it, any
where I go you go. my dear. R
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and how, my wife, my companion, my friend and i love you
very much PJB.

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VAT payable at time of supply

Firm) v Commissioners of **Customs and Excise**

Before Lord Justice Staughton. Lord Justice Ward and Sir Ralph Gibson

Judgment February 7 Sections 4 and 5 of the Value Added Tax Act 1983 determined the amount of tax to be charged and the time when the charge took effect but whether a charge to tax had actually arisen was to be determined under section 2(1) of

the ACL Where, therefore, consultancy services were supplied by a firm before it registered for VAT but were only paid for after registration, no VAT was payable as the firm was not ravable under section 2(1) at the time the supply was

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing by a majority an appeal by the appellant, B. J. Rice & Associates, a tax consultancy business, against Mr Justice Macpherson of Chiny who, on March 15, 1994 in the Queen's Bench Division, had upheld the London VAT Tribunal's decision on April 28, 1992 that services supplied before the appellant's registration for VAT but paid for after registration were fully

Section 2 of the 1983 Act pro

"(l) Tax shall be charged on any supply of goods or services made in the United Kingdom, where it is a taxable supply made by a taxable person in the course or furtherance any business carried on by

Section 4 provides:

(1) The provisions of this section and section 5 below shall apply for determining the time when a supply of goods or services is to be treated as taking place for the purposes of the charge to tax.

"(3) Subject to the provisions of section 5 below, a supply of services shall be treated as taking place at the time when the service

'(9) The commissioners may by regulations make provision with respect to the time at which ... a supply is to be treated as taking place in cases where it is a supply (a) of goods or services for a consideration the whole or part of which is determined or pavable periodically, or from time to time. or at the end of any period. .."

Regulation 23 of the Value

Added Tax (General) Regulations (SI 1985 No 886), as substituted by the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations (SI 1989) No H32), provides:

"(I) ... where services are supplied for a period for a consideration the whole or part of which is determined or payable periodi-cally or from time to time, they shall be treated as separately and vely supplied at the earlier of the following times — (a) whenever a payment in respect of the supplies is received; or (b) whenever the supplier issues a tax invoice relating to the supplies."

Mrs Melanie Hall for the Commissioners: Mr B. J. Rice in

LORD STAUGHTON said that at some time before October 21, 1986 the appellant had done work for a client and sent out an invoice for £150. It was not and could not be a tax invoice under the 1983 Act. The appellant was not at the time registered for VAT, since his turnover had not reached the level where he was required to register The bill for £150 was not paid and the appellant wrote it off as a bad

On October 21, 1986 the appellant registered for VAT. There was no evidence as to how long before that date the work was done and the invoice issued, only that it was hefore that date.

Over four years later, in March I, the client had a further need for the services of the appellant and was told that he must first pay the fee of £150 which was still due Customs and Excise said that, as the appellant was now registered. he had to pay VAT on the supply of

The issue depended entirely on the interpretation of the 1983 Act. but it was by no means easy. There were four elements in section 2(1) of the Act. There had to be (i) a supply of goods or services in the United Kingdom; (ii) which was a taxable supply, in other words, not exempt; (iii) by a taxable person, someone who was or ought to be registered for VAT: (iv) in the course or furtherance of any susiness carried on by him.

It was not disputed that elements (i), (ii) and (iv) were fulfilled when the appellant did work for the client at some time before October 21, 1986, but element (iii) was not.

Customs and Excise said that the relevant date was not when the work was done, but in March 199 when the £150 was paid. They reached that result by referring to regulation 23 of the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations 1985, as amended. It was common ground that the work which the appellant did for the client came within the description provided by that regulation. Section 9(5) of the Act vided the vires for regulation

Customs and Excise thus concluded that the supply was to be treated as occurring, in point of time, when the appellant's bill was paid in March 1991. The alternative provided by regulation 23(1)(b) was not applicable because

the appellant never did issue a tax invoice, and could not lawfully registered for VAT.

At the time the bill was raid the appellant was registered; and that, the Customs and Excise said, fulfilled the requirement of section 2(1) that he was a taxable person at the relevant time.

If that was the right interpretation of the Act, it produced an unjust result. Either the appellant would be unable to recover the tax from his customer, and would have to pay it out of his own pocket; or else the customer would have to pay tax although it was not chargeable at the time when he both contracted for and received the services of the appellant.

Customs and Excise had argued that there was no injustice because either a trader can and should foresee that he may cross the threshold and word his invoice accordingly, or he could and should have required the customer to pay 25 per cent on top of the bill of £150, on the basis that late payment had brought the trans-action within the VAT net."

His Lordship did not accept that either of those solutions was apt, in fact and in law, to avoid the injustice mentioned, even if 25 per cent was an error for some other

That those who paid their bills late should suffer some penalty was wholly appropriate but his Lordship did not see why the penalty should (i) be determined by the prevailing rate of VAT, how-ever long or short the delay, or (ii) accrue to the benefit of Customs and Excise rather than to the supplier of services.

His Lordship turned to consider whether regulation 23(1) fixed the time for deciding the question whether a supplier was a taxable person within section 2(1) of the Act. At first sight one would have thought that it did not; surely a person who was not registered for VAT, because his turnover was below the statutory limit, should be free to supply goods or services in the confident belief that neither he nor the recipient would have to

Customs and Excise argued that sections 4 and 5 of the 1983 Act and the 1985 Regulations determined conclusively and for all purposes when a supply was to be treated as taking place.

bear tax on the supply?

The appellant, on the other hand, maintained that one must first determine on the actual facts, and without deeming anything whether a charge to tax had arisen

under section 2(1).

If any of the four requirements was absent, no tax was payable and that was the end of it. Only if all four requirements were met did one proceed to inquire what was the actual or deemed time of supply for the remaining purposes

of the Act. The appellant reached that result by pointing to the words "for the purposes of the charge to tax" in section 4(1). Those words, it was said, were only applicable if there was first a charge to tax within the ordinary meaning of

section 2(1). There was a difficulty with that argument, which arose from sec-tion 41. By subsection (I), that section applied where there was a change in the rate of tax in force, or in the description of exempt or zero rated supplies.

Subsection (2) proceeded on the assumption that some of the provisions of section 5 could apply those circumstances, and gave the supplier an option to disapply them. So section 5 was assumed to lay down the time when, among other things, one ascertained whether a supply was, or had been

But whether a supply was exempt or not determined whether is was a taxable supply and that was one of the four elements in section 2(i). On the appellant's argument those elements were to be judged at the time of actual supply and not when it was deemed to happen under section 5. So on his argument it was not necessary to disapply section 5 when goods that were formerly exempt ceased to be exempt; and it achieved nothing to disapply section 5 in the converse case, where goods that were previously not

stempt had become exempt.

It had therefore to be acknowledged that that obscure provision in section 41 assumed that the question of whether goods or services were exempt would have supply was deemed to take place under section 5, apart from the

exception which section 41 made. But his Lordship would regard that as a special provision, derogating from section 2, and that in all other respects the existence of a chargeable transaction had to be determined at a time when the supply was actually made. Common sense and justice

pointed to that result; sections 4 and 5 remained to determine the amount to be charged and the time when the charge took effect. To impose a tax on the appellant in respect of a supply which was not taxable at the time when it was made seemed perilously close to retrospective taxation.

Lord Justice Ward gave a concurring judgment. SIR RALPH GIBSON, dissent-

ing, said that he agreed with the VAT tribunal. The unjustness of that result did not seem to his Lordship to be of such an order that the court should depart from what appeared to be the plain meaning of the provisions of the Solicitor: Solicitor, Customs and

Parrott v Jackson Before Lord Justice Hirst and Lord

[Judgment January 31] A defendant in a personal injury action who admitted negligence but did not admit any resulting damage had not made an admission of liability on which the plaintiff was entitled to judgment under Order 9, rule 6(1) of the County Court Rules (SI 1981 No 1687 (L201).

Therefore, a judge erred in solding that the plaintiff's action had been automatically struck out under Order 9, rule 10(ii) when 12 months had elapsed from service of the summons and judgment had not been entered against the

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff. Roy William Parrott, against hadge Brandt at Coichester Count Court who, on June 27, 1995, ha coarr who, on June 27, 1995, had allowed an appeal against the order of Deputy District Judge Hodges on June 16, 1995 and granting the defendant, Ronald F. Jackson, a declaration that the plaintiff's action for damages for personal injury following a road accident had been automatically struck out under Order 9, rule 10 of the County Court Rules 1981. In June 1993 the plaintiff served

and particulars of claim alleging negligence which had resulted in the plaintiff suffering damage. The defence, dated July 30, 1993,

Liability was not admitted

admits that the accident to the plaintiff ... was caused by the negligence of the defendant. (3) The defendant makes no admission in respect of the alleged or any injury

stated: *(2) ... the defendant

loss or damage. In May 1995 the defendant applied for a declaration under Order 9, rule 10(ii) of the County Court Rules 1981.

Order 9, rule 10 of the 1981 Rules provides: "Where I2 months have expired from the date of service of a default summons and ... (ii) an admission has been delivered but no judgment has been entered under rule 6(1) ... the action shall be struck out ..."

Mr Harvey McGregor, QC and Mr Steven Dyble for the plaintiff; Mr Robert Mozon-Browne, QC and Ms Clare Brown for the

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that the appeal had raised yet again a question concerning the construction and application of Order 9, rule 10 of the 1981 Rules. The court had been informed that the previous decided cases related to rule 10(i) and that the present case was the first where rule 10(ii)

The judge had held that the defence as pleaded constituted an admission within rule 10(ii) on which the plaintiff had been entitled to obtain judgment and, accordingly, the action was automatically struck out once 12 months had elapsed and no judg-

ment had been entered.... The plaintiff argued that on a proper construction of the defence no admission within rule 10(ii) had been made, damage being the gist of a claim in negligence. He supported his argument by reference to Blundell v Rimmer (1971) WIR (23) and Ranking v Garton

Sons & Co Ltd [1979] 2 All ER

The defendant submitted that those two cases demonstrated an old-fashioned approach which should not now be followed. Alternatively, they should be distin-guished on the ground that they involved denials of damage which vere much more categoric in the present case. He argued that an admission to the accident was tantameent to an admission of

His Lordship was unable to accept the thrust of the defendant's argument that those cases were out of date and should be discarded:

(at pi190) the plaintiff "has € nove both elements of his cause of negligence causing the action and of damage resulting from the accident caused by the negligence, is enough ... to entitle him to

dement."
Thus the question was whether the defendant had made a clear admission of liability. His Lordship found it impossible to answer that question in the affirmative. The plea in paragraph 2 of the

His Lordship was unable to accept that an admission of the accident necessarily implied an admission of injury to the plaintiff, especially in the light of paragraph.

specially in the light of paragraph 3 of the defence.

If that left the defendant in a grey area he had only himself so blame. One of the tronies of the case was that the defendant had tried to foist the plaintiff with an outright admission which the draftsman of the defence had been careful not to make.

It followed that there was no

admission by the defendant in the terms of Order 9, rule 10(ii) and no basis for striking out the action under that rule. Lord Justice Pill gave a concur-

ring judgment. Solicitors: Pleass Thomson & Co,

the expert had no jurisdission to

expert was to have jurisdiction.

4 VSEL had conceded that the court was intended to retain juris-

diction over the ambit of clause 5.5

gram such relief.

Role of expert limited by agreement

British Shipbuilders v VSEL Consortium ple Before Mr Justice Lightman

[Judgment February 2]

Questions as to the role of an expert had to be determined as a matter of construction of the relevant agreement and if that conferred on him the exclusive remit to determine a question, the jurisdiction of the court over it was excluded; but if he went outside his remit the court could intervene and set his decision aside.

Likewise the court could set his decision aside, where the agree-ment so provided, in case of manifest error, the court had iurisdiction ahead of him to determine the limits of his remit or the conditions with which he had to comply but would, save in exceptional circumstances, decline to do

Mr Justice Lightman so held in the Chancery Division, on the authority of Mercury Commun-ications Ltd v Director General of Telecommunications [[1996]] WLR 48], Jones v Sherwood Computer Services (1992) 1 WLR 277) and Normich Union Life Assur-Holdings Ltd ([1993] L EGLR 164) on an originating summons issued by the plaintiff, British Shipbuild-ers, on March 12, 1994.

decide whether work was "reason-

ably done" having regard to the current edition of the Guide and

not to those provisions of the Code

The procedures in paragraph 1.4

applied only in the circumstances

of Canduct which were inconsis-

tent with the Guide.

ntidement to documents under clause 5.5(b) of an agreement dated March 10, 1986 between it and the defendant, VSEL Consortium plc, for its sale to VSEL of Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Ltd for (a) an initial £60m and, under clause 5.2(b) a further sum, with a ceiling of £40m, to be certified by reference to the profits of VSEL and its subsidiaries from April I, 1986 to March 31, 1992.

Clause 5.3: of the agree provided:

"If any disagreement arises between accountants appointed by BS and the auditors for the time being of VSELI in connection with the certification [of those profits, it was to be referred ultimately to al firm of chartered accountants (or person) ... ("the expert") [whose] decision shall, in the absence of manifest error, be final and binding.

Clause 5.5(a) provided, inter alia, that each party should provide appropriate instructions to their respective accountants to certify under clause 5.2 and clause 5.5(b), that "VSEL shall" produce that the accountants appointed by BS will be allowed reasonable records of each member of the new

Mr Patrick Phillips. QC and Mr Roger Hetherington for BS; Mr Peter Scott, QC and Mr Alan 3 One would expect clause \$5 to precede clauses 52 and 5.3 if the Griffiths for VSEL MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN

said that when the hearing began and each party had appreciated the other's position, both had agreed that the respective roles of the court and the expert should be determined prior to anything else. I Could only one, or more than one, reference be made under clause 5.3?

His Lordship held its languag apt to embrace recurrent ref-erences to the expert.

2 On a dispute between the parties or their accountants as to entitlement to documents under clause 5.5(b), had the court or the experi jurisdiction, or exclusive

In his Lordship's view, the role of the accountants did not extend beyond the certification process. They had no role in resolving disputes between BS and VSEL under clause 5.5(b); that of the

That view was reinforced by: I Absence from the agreement that the expert had a role in resolving disputes between BS and VSEL as their rights inter se. 2 VSEL's obligation under clause

unless and until the accountants disagreed on that issue. Mr Scott, submitting that "in -connection with" meant "not unrelated to", had urged that sagreement of the accountants was not unrelated to the certifica--tion process; but in the instant context such a construction seemed

inappropriate. Mr Phillips had vigorously con-tended that clause 5.5 was for BS's benefit and, truly construed obliged VSEL to give access to all documents which BS's accountants bona fide or reasonably said fell within it, thus achieving parity of access to what might prove vital

information. But that construction of clause reading in what was not there. The correct view was therefore, that the court had exclusive invisdiction to resolve disputes under clause

Solicitors: Ashurst Morris Crisp;

Counsel's final view on appeal chances can be expressed orally and not in writing A determining officer had to his final view at the conclusion of do so and that work would the age of the defendant and the

Lord Chancellor v Brennan |Judgment January 22|

Before Mr Justice Hooper Where counsel who represented a legally aided defendant convicted or sentenced at the crown court orally expressed a final view at the conclusion of the case that an appeal would not succeed, paragraph I of A Guide to Proceedings in the Court of Appeal Criminal Division (HMSO) (1990) did not require him also to provide written

advice to the same effect. If, after giving his final view at the conclusion of the case, counsel subsequently rendered such written advice in the absence of a specific request by his client, his

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the absence of special circum-stances, normally be refused by the determining officer as work not reasonably done.

Annex H to the Code of Conduct for the Bar of England and Wales (fifth edition (1990) revised 1995) had not been amended to reflect the 1990 changes in the 1983 version of the Guide.

Mr Justice Hooper, sitting with two assessors, so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division given in open court, dismissing the Lord Chancellor's appeal under regulation 16 of the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care-Proceedings (Costs) Regulations (SI 1989 No 343), against Master

THE AND TIMES

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Rogers' decision allowing Miss Janice Brennan's claim for fees for the preparation of written advice, which had been refused by a determining officer.

Miss Brennan, a barrister, represented a legally aided, defendant aged 20 who had pleaded guilty in the crown court to burglary and was sentenced to 18 months detention in a young offenders' institution. She immediately grown him coul advisor immediately gave him oral advice that an appeal was unlikely to succeed and later that day she prepared a written advice to the same effect. She had not been provided by her instructing solic-itors with any document in the form of Appendix I to the Guide as

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provided by paragraph 1.2. A determining officer refused her claim for £29 standard legal aid lees for the written advice on the ground that, applying R v Neill (unreported, February 14, 1986), the work was not reasonably done.

Mr Edward Solomons, solicitor.

for the Lord Chancellor, Mr Nigel

Pascoe, QC, for the barrister. MR JUSTICE HOOPER said that the barrister had understood from the Guide, and paragraph 17 of Annex H to the Code of Conduct that counsel was obliged to furnish written advice after a client had been convicted or sentenced even when oral advice to that effect had been given earlier.

The Guide provided: 1.1 No one convicted or sentenced

in the crown court in circum-stances where appeal lies to the Court of Appeal. Criminal Di-vision ... should be without advice or assistance on appeal ... Solic-itors should not wait to be asked for advice by the defendant. The following practice should be followed in all cases.
1.2 Solicitors include with the

brief to counsel a separate form of instruction to give advice and assistance on appeal in the event of conviction or sentence, see Appen-"1.3 immediately following the conclusion of the case, counsel and

solicitor see the defendant and counsel expresses orally either: Ta) his final view as to the prospects of a successful appeal whether against conviction or senance or both). (i) If there are no reasonable grounds of appeal, the Appendix should be completed and a copy provided then or a son as practicable thereafter to the defendant by the solicitor. (ii) II

there are reasonable grounds, the Appendix should be completed and signed grounds of appeal drafted. Thereafter the procedure at 1.6 should be followed.

(b) his provisional view as to the prospects of a successful appeal.

Appendix I should be completed.

Thereafter the procedure at 1.4 should be followed.

"(c) that he requires time to consider the prospects of a successful appeal. Appendix 1 should be completed. Thereafter the procedure at 1.4 should be followed. Counsel will note that the delendant should always be provided with a completed Appendix I either immediately after the conclusion of the case or as soon as practicable

thereafter.

1.4 Within 14 days counsel sends to solicitors (a) an advice on appeal and (b) where appropriate, signed grounds of appeal. Mr Solomons submitted that

whereas the 1483 version made it clear that a written advice was always required within 21 days, the new version made it clear that no such written advice was required if paragraph 1.3(a) of the Guide applied. Unfortunately Annex H had not

been amended, as it should have been, to take into account the changes to the Guide. The Guide did not require any written advice if counsel expressed orally his final view at the conclusion of the case. Furthermore the period of 21 days had been replaced with a period of

advice in writing pursuant to paragraph L4. A determining officer would only in rare cases conclude that a written advice given under paragraph 1.4 was "not reasonably done" where he decided that counsel should have

covered by 1.3(b) and (c). If counsel expressed his final view at the expressed orally his "final view" at conclusion of the case. But where counsel had ex-pressed a final view that an appeal the conclusion of the case, then he should delete paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) on Appendix 1 and no would not succeed and was therefurther action was required of him. Where counsel did not express after requested by the defendant to put his advice in writing, he should normally be work "reasonably done".

Where counsel expressed his final view and thereafter other than at the defendant's request forwarded a written advice, then R v Neill provided helpful guidance to a determining officer. But those officers should also bear in mind that the saving of legal aid resources might not result in an overall saving of publicly funded

In the present case the work was reasonably done, having regard to

possible issue of disparity.

His Lordship hoped that the General Council of the Bar would consider amending Annex H to the ... Code of Conduct to resect the contents of the current Guide Finally, it was important that counsel fill in a document with the information contained in Appen-dix I to the Guide. If coursel did

be work not reasonably done.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICES THE BROADCASTING

COMPLAINTS COMMISSION Complaint from His Honour Ian

Starforth Hill, QC - Draft summary of adjudication His Honour Ian Starforth Hill, a retired Circuit Judge, complained to the Br adcasting Complaints Commission that he had been unjustly and unfairly

treated in a Channel Four programme entitled The The Judge claimed that the presenter had spent the whole programme focusing on a particularly controversial judgment in a case of sexual assault on a child, whom he had described as "not entirely an

The Commission find that the programme did not focus exclusively on this case and that the broadcasters had adequately prepared the Judge for

programme. The Commission find no unfairness to the Judge in these respects. The Judge also complained that the showing of a video clip of the victim's response to the judgment, and the mother's presence in the studio audience. broke an agreement that no victims would be

The Commission find no unfairness in the using of a newsclip of the unidentified victim commenting on the day of the judgment.

However, the Commission consider that the broadcasters were unfair to the Judge in not warning him that the child's mother was, in effect, speaking for her when she asked the Judge to apologise to her daughter. Her participation broke the spirit of the understanding between the Judge and the Broadcasters and in this one respect the Commission find unfairness.

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